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Tough times ahead as funding slashed

BY JO DEEKS

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A COUNCIL leader has vowed to continue investing in Haverhill's development – despite facing grant funding cuts almost double those expected by the Government.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council had budgeted for a 10 per cent cut in grant funds, predicting it would get just £5.667 million from Government.

The announcement on Monday that the council will get more than £500,000 less – £5.210 million – represents a cut of 17.3 per cent.

It will get a further 12 per cent less the following year.

Cllr John Griffiths, leader of the council, described the cuts as "very challenging" but added: "We are determined to do everything we can to freeze council tax again for our residents and therefore we will have to work even harder to make the savings necessary without compromising the quality of the services we provide in St Edmundsbury."

"It is a tall order, but we have already made savings in the region of £2 million this year. We have made some very good investments in Haverhill and Bury St Edmunds, from which we are already receiving dividends. We will do our best to provide good quality services, but it is not going to be easy."

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Young at heart: members of the Keep Active group took part in a Christmas show at Haverhill Leisure Centre, helping to raise more than £300 for the Haverhill Volunteer Centre. See full story – Page 3.

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Software victory means firm has head in cloud

HAVERHILL software firm h.e.t has won the national Windows Azure competition and a prize worth £80,000.

This is the value of the consultancy and hosting services from Avanade and Microsoft to move h.e.t's software to the cloud.

The Avanade Cloud Advantage Lab competition collected entries from across the country, with contenders submitting proposals for cloud-based software applications.

The judges were looking for originality and growth potential, and h.e.t came up with a system for social healthcare where the company is already a specialist, providing software to the sector in the UK and Australia.

The winning system, CareOnline, allows users or their family to see online information about the care they receive and how successful it is. In turn, those managing the care can monitor progress and make adjustments accordingly.

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Cash quest: students have raised funds and are now packing Christmas presents for soldiers. CP

Students give gifts to heroes

SOLDIERS serving in Afghanistan will get Christmas presents from students in Haverhill.

Nearly 50 boxes have been filled by youngsters at the town's Samuel Ward Academy for colleagues of former student Lance Corporal Aaron Carr, who is on his second tour of duty in the conflict.

The shoebox campaign has been organised with support

of Aaron's mum, Marion Carr.

Aaron, who is in the Third Battalion the Parachute Regiment, has his sister Emily in Year 12 at the school and his nephew, Charlie, in Year 10.

A school spokeswoman said: "As the frontline boys are living off ration packs for the length of the tour, all over Christmas the festive gifts sent by our students will be a

welcome treat.

"Special thanks go out to the Year 9 students who stayed after school to weigh, pack and wrap the troop boxes. Also, thanks to the management of Thing Me Bobs for their donation of all the wrapping paper."

Students at the school also raised more than £400 for the Help for Heroes charity with the sale of wrist bands.

Schools beat the key test average

BY JOHN GOODE

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TWO Haverhill schools did better than the county averages in the Key Stage 2 results, which were released this week.

The Suffolk average showed that 76 per cent of pupils achieved the required level in English, with the same percentage getting the required mark in maths. Across the county, 68 per cent achieved the standard in both subjects.

Parkway Middle School achieved 86 per cent in

Primary School Performance Table

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| | English | Eng progress | Maths | Maths progress | Eng & maths | Rank |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------|-------|----------------|-------------|------|
| Chalkstone Middle | 78% | 80% | 76% | 74% | 68% | 77 |
| Clare Middle | 73% | 76% | 69% | 67% | 57% | 109 |
| Haverhill Castle Hill | 56% | 64% | 65% | 70% | 49% | 118 |
| Parkway Middle | 86% | 79% | 75% | 72% | 74% | 56 |
| St Felix CofE VC Middle | 65% | 73% | 89% | 81% | 63% | 94 |
| Scallback Middle | 76% | 68% | 81% | 84% | 73% | 61 |

English and 75 per cent in maths, with 74 per cent of pupils achieving the required level in both subjects. The

school was ranked 56th in the county.
Chalkstone Middle School pupils achieved 78 per cent in

English, 76 per cent in maths and 68 per cent of pupils achieving the required level in both subjects. The school was ranked 77th in Suffolk.

Castle Hill Middle School had 56 per cent of pupils reaching the required level in English, with 65 per cent making the grade for maths and 49 per cent reaching the standard in both subjects. The school was 118th in Suffolk.

Clare Middle School had 73 per cent hitting the required level in English and 69 per cent in maths with 57 per cent of pupils reaching the standards in both subjects. The school was 109th in the county.

Neighbourhood teams winning crime battle

BY JO DEEKS

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VILLAGERS in the Haverhill area have seen a dramatic fall in crime over the past year – thanks to the hard work of local police officers.

The St Edmundsbury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team has focused on reducing the number of burglaries of items such as lawnmowers and power tools from sheds, garages and outhouses on farms and rural properties since late last year.

The latest crime statistics reveal a 37 per cent decrease in burglaries, with 46 fewer victims from the beginning of 2010 to the end of November, compared to the same period last year.

There has also been a 28 per cent reduction in overall crime, with 121 fewer victims.

This success is believed to be a result of the campaign launched by the SNT to identify and target offenders, as well as working with crime reduction officers to offer education and improve awareness of crime prevention issues.

Officers increased high-visibility patrols, which were also supplemented by response officers from Haverhill and the Babergh West SNT. Crime pattern analysis was undertaken to ensure that these patrols were targeted at key times.

Officers visited victims of such crime to offer advice and reduce the risk of repeat offences. A special seminar was also held in November, with a number of presentations for farmers on tackling rural crime. The response from farmers at the event was overwhelmingly positive, with many requesting follow-up visits.

Key schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch and Farmwatch have also been used to full effect, with Farmwatch membership increasing considerably from 70 to 186 members.

Sgt Kevin Horton said: "This reduction in crime is excellent news for residents and business owners in the area."

"There was a very noticeable increase in these sorts of offences in late 2009 and early 2010, but due to the hard work of SNT officers, crime reduction officers and neighbouring police teams, a clear message has been sent to offenders that any crime will not be tolerated."

"The campaign has proven that a multifaceted approach to such issues including deterrence, prosecution and crime prevention can produce dramatic results."

"This has been a huge partnership effort, with the increased communication between Neighbourhood Watch coordinators, for example, ensuring a better flow of information between the police and local residents."



Young at heart: Rose Felloni right, receives a cheque on behalf of the volunteer centre from some members of the Keep Active group following their christmas show.

Picture: Keith Jones 701108

Fundraising dancers rolling back the years

A UNIQUE version of *Swan Lake*, as well as tap and line dancing, was performed by people in their 60s and 70s who attend regular exercise sessions.

Members of the over 50s Keep Active sessions at Haverhill Leisure Centre staged a Variety Show as part of their Christmas party. They also handed over a cheque for £335 to Haverhill Volunteer Centre, with the cash raised from a raffle at the event.

Around 140 people attended the Christmas party and enjoyed the entertainment, with all the acts provided by men and women from the classes. Star attraction was provided by Geoffrey Bullett, as Odette, and the other *Swan Lake* Cygnets performing a comic version of the pas de deux. There was also line dancing, Scottish dancing, sequence dancing, a choir and a couple of choreographed routines, including *New York*

New York with top hats and canes.

Carol Clerkin, organiser of the Active sessions, said the ballet item was a real showstopper. She said: "He is 70-plus and was wearing a tu-tu and make-up. It was hysterical – the place just erupted with laughter."

"We have had a wonderful morning and it just shows you are never too old to keep active. We have a new chair-based class starting and people can move on from that to other things. It keeps them young in mind, as well as physically."

The class is held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the leisure centre, with those attending ranging in age from 50 to mid-80s. They have an opportunity after class to play badminton or tennis and socialise over a cup of tea, followed by a dip in the pool.

For more information call (01440) 702548.

Burglary youth gets custody warning

A TEENAGER has been warned he faces a sentence of custody for burgling a house.

Damien Peters, 18, was told by a judge that he was likely to be sent to a young offenders' institution after a break-in at Yeldham Place,

Haverhill.

Peters was remanded in custody after appearing before Judge David Goodin at Ipswich Crown Court last Thursday, to await a sentencing hearing on January 4.

The judge told him:

"You are looking fair and square at custody."

Peters, of Parkington Walk, Bury St Edmunds, admitted the burglary committed on April 10, when electrical goods, cash and Xbox games were taken. He is also due to be sentenced for

attempted burglary, assault and theft, which he admitted at a previous hearing.

Richard Potts, for Peters, said Peters had been trying to combat drug use, which was partly responsible for his offending.

'We face crucial next few years'

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"We aim to continue our support of Haverhill Arts Centre and have no plans to review the agreed terms. We hope to continue to provide support in partnership with the businesses and people of Haverhill."

"We are sure we will see continued success in Haverhill. We have put a freeze on staff pay rises, but we have no plans to make any drastic cuts at present. But we will have to be pragmatic in our spending."

If the council manages to freeze council tax, it will receive the equivalent of 2.5 per cent in council tax from the Government, on top of the grant. This will give St Edmundsbury an extra £168,000, reducing its net position this year to a grant cut of 14.6 per cent.

The total funding gap for 2011/12 is around £460,000 – an extra £212,000 as a result of the grant announcement. The council said it would be able to cover the gap this year by using its reserves, but will need to start identifying further savings during the next year, when the grant for 2012/13 is £4.591m, a cut of 11.9 per cent.

Clr Anne Gower, Haverhill North, said it was too early to predict what impact the reduced funding would have. She said: "All councils are in the same boat, we have got to make spending cuts, but we are trying to make them in ways that do not impact on service users, which is really difficult. As a council we have to work smarter."

"We as councillors have to up our game and really get the best we can for Haverhill. It is more important than ever that we connect with the residents and they connect with us."

"I believe the next 12 to 24 months are absolutely crucial for this town. We will work hard to get residents' views across, but they need to let us know their priorities."

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Study suggestion wins Christmas prize



Tuck in: Keeley Bennett, left, and her daughter, Summer, receive their prize from Haverhill Leap Centre manager Elaine Simmons

A CHRISTMAS hamper has been presented to the winner of a prize draw at West Suffolk College's Centre in Haverhill.

The centre ran a Christmas draw for the first time this year. Any adult could enter by submitting an idea for a new course they would like to see running in Haverhill.

The draw took place last Friday and the winning name was drawn by library manager Sanphra Wilmott.

The winner, Keeley Bennett, received a hamper full of Christmas goodies – including a Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, crackers and chocolates – donated by the college.

Keeley has a young daughter, Summer, and her idea was for a childcare course. Keeley had to give up work as the hours were not "child friendly". She is hoping to train for a job that would fit in better with her daughter's school hours.

Centre manager Elaine Simmons said: "We wanted to give the public a say in what is offered in Haverhill. We sometimes hear that there is nothing going on in the town that people want to do. We wanted to give the public a voice."

"We can't guarantee that the proposed courses will run, but if there is enough support we would try to meet the need."

Anyone who would like to teach a new course is also invited to get in touch. The centre is always looking for tutors who are keen to share their specialist knowledge.

If you are interested in finding out more about courses run by the Haverhill Leap Centre, call (01440) 712177 or drop in to the Centre at 27B High Street, Haverhill during opening hours, 9.30am to 4pm on weekdays.

Friends' tribute to 'brilliant' solicitor

BY LEANNE EHREN

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A PROMINENT solicitor who helped hundreds of families has died following a nine-year battle with cancer.

Tributes have been paid to hard-working Caroline Dixon, who was the managing partner at Stevens Solicitors, in High Street, Haverhill.

After overcoming breast cancer and a brain tumour, Ms Dixon's cancer returned and spread to her bones. She died on December 6 in Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Ms Dixon, who died at the age of 56, had worked with hundreds of families during her career as a family solicitor in Cambridge, Suffolk and Essex.

Her business partner at Stevens Solicitors, Alan Caldwell, said: "Caroline was a champion for the rights of all to have access to legal advice and represent-



Greatly missed: Caroline Dixon, who died earlier this month.

ation. She worked tirelessly to ensure that she could help as many people as possible through some of their most distressing difficulties, whether they could afford legal representation or not. "Caroline strongly supported

the work of collaborative lawyers, working side by side with other local solicitors, to achieve conciliatory results for their clients.

"Caroline had a brilliant legal mind and her talents, positive nature and compassion for others will be greatly missed."

Outside of work, Ms Dixon, of Chequer Street, Fenstanton, had a passion for horses and enjoyed riding as often as she could with her daughter.

Her partner, Matt Francomb, said her French heritage meant Ms Dixon spoke fluent French and also Italian and Spanish, and had a keen interest in genealogy.

He said she enjoyed swimming and loved to garden, but horses were her real passion.

Ms Dixon leaves behind her 22-year-old daughter, Laura Nunn, and partner, Matt.

The funeral of Ms Dixon will take place at 1.30pm on Monday in the West Chapel, Cambridge Crematorium.

Confessions of burglar hoping for 'clean slate'

AN ARMED robber has been given additional time in prison after confessing to more than 60 other crimes so that he can leave jail with a "clean slate".

Michael Dare, 25, was brought to Haverhill in September, where he used to live, to show police where he had committed burglaries, car thefts and other offences.

Dare, formerly of Shepherds Court in the town, wrote to the police from prison to confess.

He was given an extra 20 months in jail by Judge John Devaux at Ipswich Crown Court. The new sentence is on top of the 30 months he was already serving for armed robbery.

He was originally due to be eligible for parole next July.

Matthew Edwards, prosecuting, said that Dare had admitted breaking into a house in St Botolphs Way, Haverhill, on March 7, 2007, and stealing the keys to a Vauxhall Astra worth £7,000, which was later found burned out. During the burglary,

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in which Dare got into the house through an unlocked patio door, the family were asleep upstairs.

He also admitted a burglary at Samuel Ward Arts and Technology College in Haverhill on October 18, 2005, when a Toshiba laptop computer was stolen. He also admitted stealing a Daewoo car worth £3,000 from a parking area in Parkside, Haverhill, on August 21, 2004. It was later found burned out.

Mr Edwards said that the 60 offences which Dare had asked to be taken into consideration involved property worth £27,000, of which £4,400 worth had been recovered.

Det Con Duncan Etchells said that without Dare's confession most of the offences would have remained unsolved.

In mitigation, Joanne Eley said that Dare had for many years suffered with drug problems and was influenced by a group of people he had associated with in the town since he was a teenager.



Reward: Christina Smith with her Queen's award.

High honour for helpful Christina

A MEMBER of the 1st Haverhill Girls Brigade has become the first in the town to win the organisation's top award.

Christina Smith, 18, received the Queen's award after completing a number of tasks to qualify.

She completed two years' service supporting the brigade by teaching the Explorer group for girls between the ages of 5 and 8, as well as two years service for the local church when she sang with the music group and helped run the audio-visual

system.

Christina also completed other tasks including voluntary service helping with a trampoline group at Castle Manor School, a photography project and a residential weekend.

In addition she passed an exam on the British monarchy and government, organised a bazaar and spent a day doing face painting at a children's event.

The brigade, which caters for girls over the age of 5, meets on Friday evenings at Haverhill's Old Independent Church.

Man caught with drugs cautioned

A MAN was given a police caution for illegal drug possession after officers with a search warrant raided a property in Boxford Court, Haverhill.

The 31-year-old, of no fixed abode, was cautioned for having cannabis and cocaine this week after answering bail following the raid on Thursday, July 15.

A 19-year-old woman from Haverhill, who was arrested at the same time, has been told she will not face action by the police.

A 45-year-old woman from Bury St Edmunds remains on police bail on suspicion of having cannabis with intent to supply. She must return to Bury St Edmunds police station on January 7.

Crane removed from stolen van

A HYDRAULIC crane was removed from a van when it was stolen from a parking area.

The white Iveco van was taken from Linton Place, Haverhill, at around 7.40pm on Sunday.

It was later found abandoned off Chimney Street, Hondon, with the crane missing.

Another van parked in Linton Place was also broken into and searched at around the same time, but nothing was stolen.

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Festive wishes – at no cost!

Sir, At St Edmundsbury, we are continuing to make savings and to share services with our partners and neighbours, seeking to maintain the quality of the services we provide while freezing our council tax charges. This is, of course, and will continue to be extremely challenging as we face dwindling resources, often coupled with increasing demands and costs.

We are making good progress in West Suffolk but, at a time when we are proposing to freeze the pay of officers, staff and councillors, I have decided not to send official St Edmundsbury Christmas cards this year – as one of many cost-saving measures. Instead, I would very much like, on behalf of everyone at St Edmundsbury Borough Council, to send season's greetings to you all through the good offices of our excellent local newspapers.

May I, therefore, wish all your readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and, hopefully, prosperous New Year.

John Griffiths
Leader

St Edmundsbury Borough Council

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Sir, The Rotary Club of Haverhill and District would like to thank all those who have supported us over the last 12 months.

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Tony Bayley
Rotary Club of Haverhill and District

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MEMORIES



■ THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows a group of youngsters apparently celebrating some kind of sporting victory. Do you recognise anyone in the

picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken?

Send your answers to: Memories, Haverhill Weekly News, 4 Queen

Street, Haverhill, CB9 9EF by Tuesday morning, or email editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

Picture: 696858

Last week's Memories photograph, from our archives, showed a spring clean up in Haverhill. It was taken in March, 1990.

Mike Rushen wrote in with memories of a picture we published on November 18, which showed his son, who was part of the Air Training Corp, at a fundraising car wash.

He said: "I have just received a copy of your paper up here in Lincolnshire dated November 18, 2010.

"On your Memories page is a photograph of Kevin Rushen doing his bit to raise funds for the Haverhill Air Training Corps.

"The date would be about 1990/1. After Steeple Bumpstead junior school, he went to Castle Hedingham School and then into aviation

at Stansted. A move was made to Manchester airport and then onto flying training. He is currently living in Leicestershire with his wife and two children, where he works for DHL cargo flying Boeing 767s on long-haul trips. Recent flights he made

were to New York to collect Christmas trees and gifts to be taken to Afghanistan for the American troops.

"There are still strong ties with Kevin in Haverhill, where he has many friends and a brother, Philip, who runs @ittude menswear."



Main picture: 690500.

Firefighters' union goes online to battle cuts

FIREFIGHTERS are using a social networking site as a "21st century weapon" to fight proposed cuts.

Under the cuts proposals, Haverhill would lose full-time fire crews at weekends.

The Stop the Suffolk Fire Service Cuts Facebook page, set up by Fire Brigades Union officials, is hoping

to keep Suffolk residents informed and win support against the measures, which threaten to compromise public safety.

The county's turntable ladders, used for high-rise rescues and safe access to roof fires including thatched cottages, would no longer be available at all times.

Andy Vingoe, Suffolk FBU Brigade chairman said: "These cuts will affect everybody in the county. There will be a public consultation in the New Year – and people need to know the facts. That's why we've set up the Facebook page.

"It's a 21st century weapon in our armoury in fighting the cuts. We

hope the site will encourage more people to get involved, speak out, lobby councillors and defend a vital frontline service."

The site pulls together publicly available information, links to web sites and provides a forum for the public to join with firefighters against the cuts.

New unit for natural birthing

A NEW unit offering mothers a "homely" environment in which to give birth has been officially opened at West Suffolk Hospital.

The £470,000 midwifery-led birthing unit at the Bury St Edmunds hospital, which gives expectant women extra choice as to where they can deliver, welcomed its first baby last month.

Since then, the "home from home" environment it offers has proved extremely popular with women who need midwifery care only, and want to experience a natural birth.

David Ruffley, MP for Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket, performed the opening by unveiling a plaque in the entrance foyer last Friday. He also met some of the mothers who have had their babies at the unit so far.

Patricia Davis, head of midwifery at the hospital, said: "The unit has proved extremely popular since it welcomed its first mothers at the start of November.

"As well as giving them extra choice, it has allowed these women to experience a natural birth with the help of a dedicated midwife.

"The feedback we have received has

BY JO DEEKS

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been excellent, and shows that women really appreciate being in comfortable, homely surroundings during labour, delivery and immediately following the birth of their baby."

The unit's four individual rooms, including one with a birthing pool, are all complete with en-suite wet rooms.

Various items to aid normal delivery, such as birthing balls and floor mattresses, have been made available, along with aromatherapy and massage.

Emergency medical equipment is also easily accessible in case of any complications, while the hospital's wider medical team can also give extra support if necessary.

The unit is suitable for women who need midwifery care only, while those with more complex needs will continue to receive specialist care from the obstetric team.

It has been located next to the central delivery suite, so that any women who develop complications can be seen quickly by a consultant.



Official opening: unveiling the plaque are, from left, Stephen Graves, hospital chief executive, Michelle Judd, clinical director, Alison Littler, lead midwife, MP David Ruffley and Patricia Davis, head of midwifery. CP



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Deaths

GOWER. Jessica Gower of Haverhill, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, December 8th, 2010, aged 14 years. Beautiful daughter of Shirley and Mic and much loved sister of Isabelle. Service to celebrate Jessica's life will take place at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel, on Tuesday, December 21st, at 12.00noon. Black clothing optional at the family's request. Family flowers only please but if wished donations for the Woodland Trust or Bone Cancer Research Trust may be sent to H J Paintin Ltd, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk. CB9 9HE.

GREENWAY. Emily Lavinia 'Vini' passed away peacefully in the West Suffolk Hospital, on Friday, December 3rd, 2010, aged 90 years. Funeral Service to be held at the West Suffolk Crematorium, on Wednesday, December 22nd, 2010, at 10.30am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired made payable to Suffolk Air Ambulance or St Nicholas Hospice, may be sent c/o The Co-operative Funeralcare, 7 High Street, Haverhill, CB9 8AA.

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More room for caroling

A POPULAR Carols by Candlelight concert is moving to a bigger venue this year so more people can enjoy it.

River of Life Community Church will hold its concert at Haverhill Arts Centre, in the High Street, starting at 7.30pm tomorrow. It will feature traditional carols with some more modern songs for all the family to enjoy, with coffee and mince pies served afterwards. Tickets are free and available from the arts centre box office on (01440) 714140 or from the River of Life Community Church office on (01440) 712288.

Rape case is dropped

POLICE have investigated an allegation of rape made in the summer and determined that no crime took place. Suffolk Police received a report from a 14-year-old girl that she was raped some time in late June or early July at Greenfields Way in Haverhill.

Police said a thorough investigation and had been carried out and thanked the public and media for their assistance.

No action will be taken against the girl.

Thief takes car parts

A CATALYTIC converter was stolen from a black Ford Ranger in a parking area at Pakenham Place, Haverhill between 11.30am on Saturday and 5.45am on Tuesday. Calls in relation to this incident should be made to Pc Liz Goymour-Milne at Bury St Edmunds Police on (01284) 774100 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Students shed light on gates

A CEREMONY to light up the Queen Street gates in Haverhill will be held at 3.30pm tomorrow.

Students who helped design the gates are expected to play a leading role in the event.

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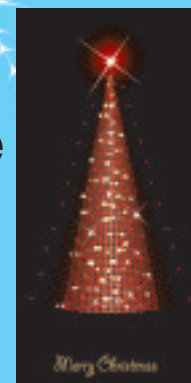
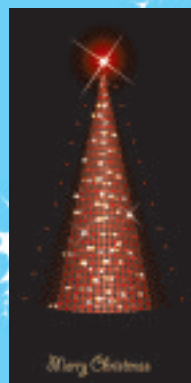


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THEY deal with life and death situations on a daily basis but now Magpas Helimedix volunteers and supporters are in a state of emergency.

A man trapped in a crane after it toppled into a freezing lake and a cyclist struck by a Land Rover are just two of the most recent incidents of 800 attended by medical teams from the charity in the last year.

But the much-loved medical team are now under threat, triggering a massive effort to save the organisation.

Unless it receives a huge cash boost, its work may have to end for good.

Funds are running out and this could be the last Christmas for the charity.

It has launched a massive one-in-a-million appeal for support, urging residents in Cambridgeshire to give at least £1 each to the cause.

And founder Neville Silverston has made a desperate appeal in a last ditch attempt to save the

The 40th anniversary of life-saving medical charity Magpas could also mark its closure next month. Reporter RAYMOND BROWN asks why it is on the brink of folding.

charity. He said: "I think the reason the charity is in trouble is that they have just taken their eyes off the ball as regards fundraising and publicity because they have been too busy in the coal face.

"They have just been very busy, Magpas is a very sophisticated set up and it has set the standard of care and led the pack. The message I would like to get out is that everyone who goes on the roads, be it cyclists, motorists, van drivers, lorry drivers and pedestrians should contribute to the charity as an investment.

"Since it was created in 1971 it has responded to 50,000 incidents – and next time it could be you, so please dig deep for everyone's sake."

Daryl Brown, chief operating officer, said: "Magpas is an inspirational organisation. With over 50 of the country's leading

medics working on helicopters and land vehicles we are able to mobilise to any medical emergency in the East of England.

"Having been dispatched to over 800 incidents so far this year Magpas Helimedix have saved numerous lives and have reduced the suffering of those most in need.

"Sadly, Magpas will have to close after Christmas if we do not receive the funding we desperately need. I urge the public to dig deep and give generously to this amazing charity." A host of leading figures have come out to support the charity. The High Sheriffs of Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire called on businesses and communities for urgent action to keep Magpas going.

Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Ely, Huntingdon

and Bedfordshire's original air ambulance service is giving local companies the opportunity to sponsor the charity's helicopter.

Organisations could sponsor the air ambulance for an hour to a week and help continue to keep the Helimedix flying, enabling them to continue treating patients in the most serious medical emergencies.

Nigel Brown, High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, joined Daniel Hanbury, High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, at the Magpas Helimedix base at RAF Wyton to see how the team operates on a daily basis.

Mr Brown said: "Magpas provides the best possible service – it's a pioneering service. I can't understand why the rest of the country hasn't followed in Magpas' footsteps. If they are forced to close, it would be disastrous and lives would be lost. Local businesses need to jump in quickly – you never know when one of your employees or even you might them."

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Facing the chop: members of the Magpas team.

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Dr Neville Silverston MBE, pictured, founder of Magpas, introduced groundbreaking life-saving techniques first developed by the American and British military in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

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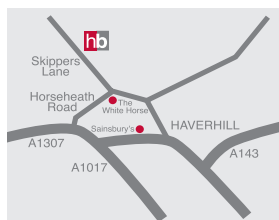
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'Tis the season to shine like a star, whether you're a black aficionado or sparkle queen. Once the first door of those advent calendars opened, the fashion focus shifts from jumpers and winter coats to party-perfect little dresses and killer heels.

"Evening wear has only one purpose – it just needs to look sensational," says Annabelle Van Tongeren, author of *Dress Like a Star*. "For statement dressing, whether it's an office party or black tie ball, the point is to make a statement – or be overlooked."

So put your dancing shoes on, it's time to frock'n'roll.

BRONZE GODDESS

If you're into vintage glamour, a gold dress is a 24-carat investment.

Bronze is the richest colour going on the party wear circuit and its opulent metallic properties will look fabulous against warmer complexions.

Go overboard with sequin sparkle, understated with matte burnished gold, or pepper your look with subtle bronze embellishments.

Keep the metallic element to the slimmest part of the body – the light reflection is an instant attention grabber.

DARK SEDUCTRESS

Create intrigue with lashings of opulent black magic.

No need to feel ashamed by splashing out on an LBD – with its flattering qualities, a black dress boasts party re-wear potential for years to come.

Beware: a statement colour or print may instantly become labelled as 'that dress' and not leave your wardrobe more than a few times.

Add interest with subtle embellishments in festive gold or silver, or re-work a plain black dress with metallic or coloured accessories to diversify your look.

BRIGHT BEAUTY

Stand out from the festive party crowd in look-at-me bold colours.

Limelight stealers should ditch the land of bland and opt for block rainbow brights to cause a stir on the dance floor.

Take inspiration from Father Christmas, tomato red is the catwalk colour to be seen in this season, or try jewel brights such as indigo, emerald or cobalt blue.

Colour exhibitionists should try this season's must-have maxi length for a top-toe shot of shocking colour.

ICE MAIDEN

Shimmer your way through the party season with not-so-subtle sparkle.

Embellishments like sequins, beading and disco paillettes offer instant bling – ideal for effortless one-piece dressing that mean you don't have to give extra thought to your accessories or make-up.

Whether in the form of a shimmering mini or Grecian maxi, icy shades are fresh and modern, and look their most illuminating on cool skin tones.

Keep jewellery and extra sparkle to a minimum – your dress will deliver all the festive glitz you need.

DRESS DECISIONS

Unfortunately, Santa Claus can't work pre-Christmas miracles and magic the perfect frock into your wardrobe overnight. Hunting out the most flattering frock is all about playing on your body's killer feature and disguising your demons.

"Special fabric treatments, beading, embellishment and texture can be used effectively to carve out a new body," explains Annabelle Van Tongeren. "Bodice, sleeves and neckline definition are crucial to creating the most flattering frocks."

Here is her guide to fashioning your perfect frock:

- Shiny fabrics increase the body area. Use them purposefully.
- Matte fabrics are more slimming.
- Velvets don't translate photographically in paler shades but can look luscious in jewel colours or black.
- Busy laces need thoughtful placement so they enhance your features, without adding bulk.
- Clingy jerseys can look trashy so think through design lines and your underwear.
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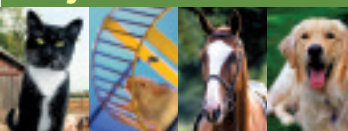
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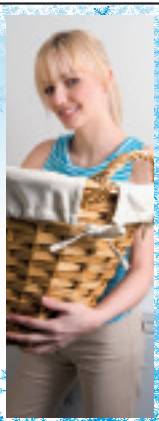
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What sort of festive tree type are you!?

THERE'S something about decorating the Christmas tree that can bring out the best or worst in us.

If you're a decor diva you may allow the children to hang the baubles but, be honest, once they're in bed you probably sneakily rearrange them into a more stylish display.

Alternatively, you may insist on hanging up those toilet roll fairies and snowmen while your teens cringe with embarrassment and yearn for you to splurge on a new set of supermarket decorations.

Nowadays, there are more than enough tree styles to confuse Santa when he comes down the chimney, and it's perfectly permissible to

experiment with your tree decor.

Traditionalists should note that it's no longer considered naff to match your colour theme to your room.

The brave opt for a minimalist tree, all bare branches and no falling needles, and use it as the perfect place to boast a handful of witty or wickedly expensive baubles.

Here are some styles that will save you getting in a tinsel tangle, committing a taste faux pas, or finding yourself involved in decoration disagreements.

PLUMP FOR PURPLE

Rich purple shades are perfect for creating a moody, dramatic look for a tree, and you'll be echoing one of the most fashionable palettes for interiors.

This is a more theatrical look, so it's best to ignore the 'less is more' rule and opt for a generous number of jewel-coloured baubles and imaginative decorations, which are contemporary rather than cute.

Team them with a few purple accessories to tie it into your scheme and turn down the lights, because the effect will look particularly good in lamplight.

TOP TIP: Make a focal point of a glass bowl filled with plum-coloured baubles, and complement it with Matalan's purple feather wreath, £15.

ALL THAT GLITTERS

Shine and sparkle will make a

tree look magical, and you can opt for golden grandeur or sophisticated silver and ice-cool white.

This is an elegant choice for a tree and a versatile option because metallics work well with glass or white. Bring the effect to life with delicate lights or opt for a pre-lit tree.

TOP TIP: Display a tree in a hall, and decorate the stair bannister with a green garland intertwined with silver or gold ribbon. Hang Christmas cards on matching strips of ribbon to decorate each side of a doorway.

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS

It's a modern twist on the classic red and green of yesteryear. Mix and match rustic handmade decorations in red, green and fresh white for a folksy Scandinavian look.

There's no need for lots of glitter and shine, you can let the detail of the ornaments and baubles be the star.

The beauty of this style is that children's homemade efforts will only add to the traditional, nostalgia-inspired feel, while still ensuring it looks perfectly in tune with today's trends.

TOP TIP: Make your own decorations using felts, ribbons, pine cones, cinnamon sticks and orange slices. Cut shapes in air dry clay with festive shaped cookie cutters, leave to dry and paint in acrylics. HobbyCraft has a video demonstration: visit www.hobbycraft.co.uk.



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This season, glamorous up-dos are where it's at. From chic buns and dishevelled top knots to slicked-back twists, there's a style to suit.

"Up hair adds an element of glamour," says celebrity hairdresser Mark Hill.

And the good news for hair styling phobics is it doesn't need to look 'done' to dazzle.

"There's no over-structure to the looks this year so it really doesn't matter if it appears messy," explains Hill. "The more undone, the better it looks, as long as it isn't actually falling down!"

Whether you work an up or down look, there's a styling saviour to take you from hair hell to party perfect.

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You don't need the dexterity of Edward Scissorhands to perfect an up-do.

Feign hairdressing prowess by putting your hair up and add a glam twist to your party ensemble.



Heads will turn: Up-dos can create a sensational effect.

Heads will turn, especially if you usually wear your hair loose.

"It's all about dishevelled chignons for the party season," Hill says.

"The emphasis is shabby chic with lots of hair dropping out, especially around the hairline.

"You basically take a high ponytail on the crown of the head, twist the hair round, and let it splay open, securing with grips.

"We often rub a balloon over the

top of the head afterwards to get that mussed-up look."

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If you don't want to waste precious party time dawdling with grips and clips, add Christmas cheer to dull, greasy locks with instant quick fixes.

Make your head the centre of attention without the shampoo ad hair, via statement accessories.

"Hair bands are a great party accessory and work if your hair is short or long," advises hair colour expert Lisa Shepherd.

"Create an evening look by back-combing your crown area and sitting the band just in front."

The backcomb technique is key to reviving lifeless hair. Try refreshing a bland ponytail by backcombing your fringe, or front section if you're fringe-less, and pinning it back into a cool quiff.

If the wash-and-go technique has well and truly escaped you due to a hectic party schedule, work with the grease rather than against it.

Shepherd says: "Disguise grease with a glossy shiny gel and slick your hair back, tucking it behind your ears - this is perfect for those with a bob."

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The deadline to make a claim is 5.30pm today.

The prize of £53,948 is payable after five numbers and the bonus ball were matched.

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the winning ticket before the prize claim deadline, then the money, plus all the interest it has generated, will go to the good causes supported by the National Lottery.

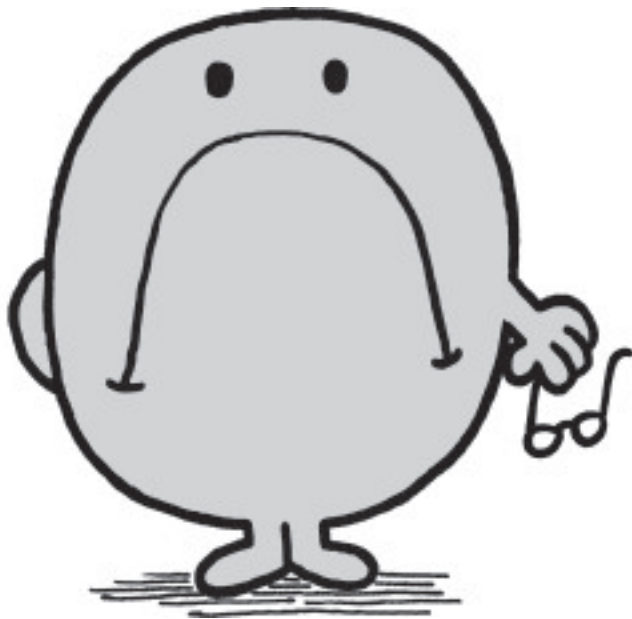
A National Lottery spokesman said: "Time really is running out for the winner of this prize, but we are still hopeful that someone will come forward at the last minute to claim the money in time for Christmas."

"We're urging everyone to check their old tickets again or look anywhere a missing Lotto ticket could be hiding. This life-enhancing prize could really help to make dreams become a reality for someone out there."

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Captured within a lifetime of melody

STANDING on the doorstep of John Rutter's cottage, set deep in the countryside in an almost impossibly tranquil spot, there's not a single sound to be heard – save for the strains of piano music, drifting from inside the house.

It's not hard to understand why John feels inspired in this place. Nestled in the shadow of Chrishall church, which sits high on a little mound outside the main village, his 'composing cottage', as it's known, looks out on a picture-perfect view of fields, trees and, at the moment, a dramatic stormy sky.

"As a composer you can't really control the flow of inspiration," explains John, leading the way into the cottage's kitchen. "All you can do is create the kind of conditions in which you hope it will arrive... And

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if you've got to be miserable because things aren't going well, I think you may as well be miserable somewhere nice."

Thankfully for all of us, the Muse is on John's side. Among the most esteemed composers and conductors of his generation, he is known the world over for, in particular, breathtaking choral works – take his 1990 Magnificat (notably performed at the memorial to the New York firefighters who lost their lives on 9/11).

But John is arguably best-known – and certainly best-loved – for his carols. In total, the 65-year-old has written around two dozen; the most familiar are the sweet Shepherd's Pipe Carol (which has sold more than a million copies in sheet music alone) and the Nativity Carol, penned when John was still a schoolboy.



Songsmith: John Rutter has been making up his own music since he was a child, when he picked out notes on his parents' piano

Over the next few weeks, his carols will be sung in umpteen schools, churches and cathedrals and heard daily on the radio waves; cheery and eminently hummable, his tunes are guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

There was a time, admits John, settling down at the kitchen table with a mug of fresh coffee, when he rather resented the public's focus on his festive work. "I went through a phase of being slightly in turmoil

about my Christmas music: I thought it made it difficult for people to take me seriously writing anything else," he explains. "But I've made my peace with all that now. I think of my carols as little calling cards, which maybe reach out to people who don't come across anything I've written during the rest of the year. And I'd rather be known for some of what I've written than none."

John's back catalogue is vast. He

has been making up his own music since he was a tot, picking out notes on his parents' out-of-tune upright piano: "The previous occupants of our flat had actually left it behind; my parents couldn't play, so it sat there rather hopelessly in a corner until I discovered it when I was about 5 or 6. I can still remember sitting there, picking away... I couldn't read music, of course, but I must have picked out something that made sense to me."

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Although he has no known musical forebears, John, former student and director of music at Clare College, Cambridge, says the desire to make music was 'somehow very strongly in me, from a very early age'.

His talents recognised at nursery school, John was invited to audition for St Paul's, aged 7; an only child, he refused on the grounds he didn't want to become a border and, instead, won a day place at Highgate School – also with an impressive reputation for music.

John's years at Highgate were formative. A contemporary and friend of one John Tavener – "If I'd known he was going to get a knighthood, I would have been nicer to him" – he says the school's musical life was vibrant; among other things, its choir sang for the recording of Benjamin Britten's War Requiem, said by many to be the pinnacle of his career.

It was while rehearsing Bach's B Minor Mass that John realised music was his calling. "You don't choose music as a way of life, it chooses you. I remember singing that mass and thinking 'Nothing could be better than this. If anyone ever tried to part me from it, I'd be heartbroken'."

John started writing down his compositions, or 'little doodlings' as he calls them, when he was about 10. "I wasn't by any means a prodigy by the standards of Mozart or whatever."

And it was tough having to compete with John Tavener! We used to show each other what we'd written, but John used to get us to actually perform his work; I was always there, singing along somewhere... But I didn't really have the confidence to do that with my pieces."

A music degree at Clare followed; John has enjoyed a special relationship with the college, where he is now an honorary fellow, ever since. In his second year, a supervisor suggested staging a concert to get some experience of conducting; as it was close to Christmas, John decided to put some festive songs on the programme: "I wrote the Shepherd's Pipe Carol for that concert and got the Nativity Carol, which I'd written at school, out of a drawer and dusted it down."

The concert came to the attention of the legendary Sir David Willcocks, then director of music at King's College. "I got a note saying 'Would you like to present yourself in my rooms at King's at 9am on Monday? Bring your manuscripts'. So, shaking in my shoes, that's what I did. I went to his rather grand rooms and shyly handed over a small pile of paper, which he looked at and didn't say a word. It was quite heart-stopping at the time."

"Then he looked up, a twinkle in his eye, and said 'Would you be interested in these being published?'..."

As has since become legend, less than a week later John signed a retainer with Oxford University Press; he's been earning a living through composition ever since.

John and his American wife Joanne, who live in Duxford (John only retreats to the Chrishall cottage to write), had two sons, Christopher and, seven years his junior, Nick. Following in his father's footsteps, Christopher went up to Clare; tragically, in his first year, he walked out of a concert one night, was knocked down by a car and died. He was only 19.

"It's coming up for the 10th anniversary, which is quite a milestone," says John. "As anyone who's experienced a bereavement will tell you, you don't

get over it, you just get better at dealing with it."

"I didn't write very much at all in the first two years after Christopher's death. Whether I would have written more if he had still been alive, I'm not sure. But I was worried that I would never be able to enjoy composing, or music in general, ever again, and was very relieved to find that I still could."

"At the time of Christopher's death, everything was going along nicely; maybe I always had a slight feeling of 'This is too good to be true', which was borne out when Christopher was knocked down on Queen's Road. It brought home the fact we're not in control, no matter how hard we try to be; it made me realise how random life is. If you'd met me 20 years ago, I was probably more cocky, but all that was knocked out of me."

"No life is for nothing, however short; Christopher was only 19, but he touched far more lives than I think he ever realised. Yet there was so much amazing potential there that could have just been wonderful... If you can't deal with that, you can't function. You have to strive not to be haunted and embittered by it; you have to look it in the face and carry on."

"Joanne and I chose to carry on. We have lots of other blessings."

Among those blessings is Nick, now taking his turn as a Clare undergrad, and John's still sparkling career. As well as composing and conducting all over the world – he has a special relationship with audiences in the States, in particular, and has done five Carnegie Hall concerts this year alone – John has his own recording choir, The Cambridge Singers (founded with the help of Harvey Brough of Harvey and the Wallbangers fame, a former Clare chorister), and his own record label, Collegium.

He has worked with many of the music world's greatest icons, from Sir William Walton to Sir Paul McCartney. The latter asked John to compose a section of A Garland for Linda, his musical tribute to his late wife. "He's a thoroughly nice guy which, considering the kind of life he leads, with a minder never far away, is, I think, quite an achievement. And he's a sublimely gifted songwriter too."

Much of John's most adored work is of a religious nature. So does he have faith? "When I'm setting a religious text I am a fervent believer," he says.

"Whether you're setting something sacred or secular, you have to believe in it. And I often find sacred texts among the most inspiring."

"But when that experience is over, I go back to being what I am the rest of the time – agnostic. Like a lot of musicians, I describe myself as a friend of the church: music is a mystery; faith is a mystery. There aren't any Richard Dawkins among us."

"I've been sent Bibles and prayer books by people in the past, but I don't want to be a hypocrite: to pretend something you don't really feel is not good, it's not honest. Having said that, I want to be buried with the full ceremony of the Church of England; I've got a long-list of 83 pieces to be played at my funeral."

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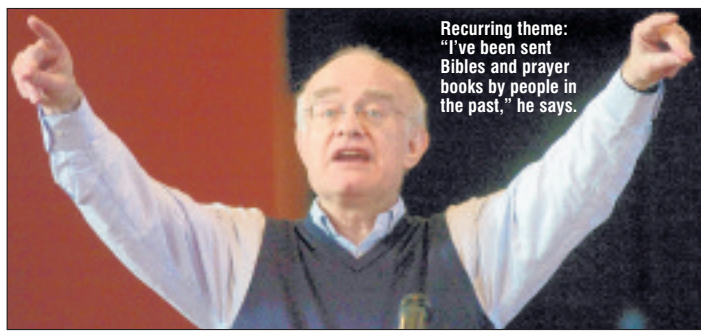
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Speech and drama students celebrating festival success



Winners: pupils from Haverhill School of Speech and Drama with their certificates and trophies.

SPEECH and drama pupils are celebrating after their success at the recent Haverhill Performing Arts Festival, held at the town's arts centre.

Samantha Tucker, principal of Haverhill School of Speech and Drama, said she was extremely proud of all the children's achievements, many of who were taking part for the first time this year.

The school gained places in every class they entered, including solo acting, duo acting, solo poetry, solo prose, choral speaking, group poem and solo mime.

Poppy Briner, 7, won the 7 years and under solo prose award, first place in the 7 years and under 'write and perform your own poetry' section and first place in television reporting.

Archie Youngman-Lee was awarded the Pam Clarke Award for most promising performer and achieved third place in solo

prose, 9 years and under, and second place in solo acting for 9 years and under.

Isobel Cory was awarded the junior poetry cup, first place in solo poetry, 9 years and under, and first place in the solo prose 9 years and under. Other results were:

■ Livia Wheatley: first place, write and perform your own story.

■ Rachael Organ: first place and distinction, sight reading, 15 years and under.

■ Georgina Smith: first place solo Shakespeare, under 15 years.

■ Georgina Smith and Megan Noakes: first place, duo acting.

Haverhill School of Speech and Drama holds drama classes every Saturday from 11am to 1pm in Dance Studio 2 at the Haverhill Leisure Centre. Anyone interested in joining the classes can contact Samantha on (01440) 714648.

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Les takes the baton to bow out of concerts

A TOWN band's Carols for All concert will see the final appearance of the man who has conducted them since 1976.

Les Ager, former mayor of Haverhill, helped to launch the annual concert as musical director of Haverhill Silver Band and Haverhill and District Operatic Society.

He takes the baton for the last time at 8pm on Sunday for the concert in the town's Old Independent Church.

Mr Ager's son, Mark, has succeeded him as musical director of the band, while his daughter, Karen, has taken over conducting the operatic society's musical shows.

The operatic society will be



Farewell: Les Ager.

joined by members of Haverhill Choral Society, with organist Nigel Brown.

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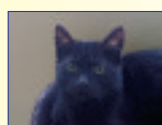
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Skating stars bring magic to classic tale

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Irina Tkachuk stars in the title role. "It's a beautiful, artistic interpretation of the story," says Parsons. "The Russian ice skaters are absolutely fabulous – it's like a ballet on ice."

This spellbinding show promises to be both lavish and

spectacular, dazzling with sheer beauty and elegance that will thrill the whole family.

With ice rinks springing up throughout the country and nearly 10 million people tuning in to see the celebrity final of ITV's *Dancing On Ice*, ice skating has captured the imagination of adults and children everywhere!

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■ THE classic story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* will be given a quirky local slant by the Waterbeach Community Players in January. Enjoy a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm, or spend an evening with Jack and his magic

hen at 7.30pm. All performances take place at Waterbeach Primary School. Contact (01223) 570109 for details and tickets.

■ THE Pantaloons Theatre Company is performing Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* as part of a national tour. They're coming to Saffron Walden Town Hall on Tuesday December 21 at 7pm.

Tickets cost £6 (£4 concessions) from the box office. Contact (01799) 524002.

■ **KICK-START** the new year with Nomads' festive re-enactment of two fairy tale classics, taking place in Newmarket in January. *Robin Hood* and *Babes in the Wood* will both get the proper panto treatment, with outrageous costumes, cheeky puns and plenty of rousing songs all thrown in for good measure.

The pantos are being staged at the Kings Theatre from January 7-15, contact (01638) 663337 for tickets.

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Moving Bach for Christmas

THE Musical and Amicable Society will perform *Concerti for Christmas* at Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge, this Saturday.

This vibrant, young chamber orchestra – performing on period instruments without a conductor – is a democratic ensemble of soloists who have thrilled audiences with their superb musicianship and risk-taking energy. This year they are joined by celebrated soprano Emily Van Evera and one of the world's greatest trumpeters, Adrian Woodward. Their programme centres around one of Bach's most celebratory works, *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen* – a magnificent five-movement for both soprano and trumpet. The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £22 (£17 concessions). Phone (01223) 338400 to book.

Funny finalist on Custard bill

FINALIST of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, Louis Ramey, will headline Custard Comedy's Christmas show this week. Ramey, who originally hails from Atlanta, Georgia, has also had his own half-hour special on Comedy Central. Catch him as he pitches up at Comberton Leisure tomorrow. Tickets cost £8 (£6 concessions) in advance or £10 (£8) on the door. Contact (01223) 264444 / www.wegotickets.com/event/92265 Opening for Louis is Andy Watson, who has been praised for his "wonderfully physical and playful style". Steve N Allen will also be taking to the stage.

Arts centre unwraps festive treats for fans

WITH just over a week to go before Christmas Day, Haverhill Arts Centre has released details of its performances in the run-up to the main event – and beyond.

■ Join the River of Life Christian Church tomorrow at 7.30pm for Carols by Candlelight, with tea, coffee and mince pies. Free-ticketed event.

■ All fans of *Strictly Come Dancing* should come and see the grand final on the big screen at the arts centre on Saturday from 6pm. Free ticketed entry.

■ Join the Haverhill Silver Band and the Haverhill Operatic Society for the 35th year of Christmas celebrations at the Old Independent Church on Sunday at 8pm. Take a break from the festive preparations; get in the Christmas spirit with Carols for All. Accompanied under 12s are free, tickets are £5.

■ And now for cinema during the run-up to Christmas. *The Leopard*, made in 1963 and starring Burt Lancaster, Claudia Cardinale, Alain Delon and Paolo Stoppa, is a gorgeous evocation of a bygone era, stunningly photographed,



Panto capers: *Beauty and the Beast* is showing at Haverhill Arts Centre from December 28

designed and costumed. The film is showing on Monday at 7.45pm and is the story of a Sicilian landowner, known for his power and prowess as The Leopard, who struggles to come to terms with the rapidly changing Italian social structure of the 1860s.

■ *Cartoon Despicable Me 2D* (U) is showing on Tuesday and Wednesday at 2.30pm. When a criminal mastermind uses a trio of orphan girls as pawns for a grand scheme, he finds himself profoundly

changed by the growing love between them.

■ Finally, cartoon *Legends of the Guardians – The Owls of Ga'hoole 2D* (PG), adapted from Kathryn Lasky's books, is showing on Wednesday at 10.30am. Soren, a young barn owl, is kidnapped by owls of St Aggie's (where owlets are brainwashed into becoming soldiers), escapes to the island of Ga'Hoole and helps fight the wicked rulers of St Aggie's.

■ From Tuesday, December 28 to New Year's Eve, treat the

family to an extra special Christmas treat. Tickets are going fast for *Beauty and the Beast*. Give the box office a call on (01440) 714140 to check ticket availability.

Blackeyed Theatre promise plenty of oddball humour, doses of slapstick and lashings of audience participation.

The arts centre will be closed from 3pm on Christmas Eve and reopens at 5.30pm on December 28, for the first showing of *Beauty and the Beast*.

Lies and spies with the UN

YOUNG actors from Cambridge have been training as spies for their latest production.

Though the cast don't quite plan to follow in the footsteps of Cambridge graduates and infamous Russian spies Kim Philby and Anthony Blunt, for their production of *The UN Inspector*, 23 students attended Spymasters in Bar Hill to gather research for David Farr's fast-paced farce.

Set in a small country in the former Soviet Union, the play follows a British businessman nonentity who is mistaken for the dreaded UN inspector. While he exploits the situation for all its worth, presidential panic ensues as ex-Soviet ministers make farcical attempts to cover up the corruption that lies at the State's core.

The production promises to be a hugely energetic and entertaining comedy with an exciting, alternative soundtrack and fantastic performances.

The UN Inspector is on at the Mumford Theatre, Cambridge, at 7.30pm until tomorrow. Tickets are £9 (£7 concessions) from (01223) 352932 or email mumford@anglia.ac.uk

Cinema Listings

All times are PM unless otherwise stated

HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE (01440) 714140 www.haverhillartscentre.co.uk

Times from Fri, Dec 17, until Thu, Dec 23
Despicable Me 2D (U): Tues 10.30am
The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG): Wed 10.30am
Despicable Me 2D (U): Wed 2.30pm

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Times from Fri, Dec 17, until Thu, Dec 23
Dorothy The Dinosaur's Rockin' Christmas (U) Sat 10am; Sun-Thru 12noon
Meet The Parents: Little Fockers (12A): Wed-Thru 4.30, 7, 9.15
Tron Legacy 3D (PG): Fri 2.30, 5.30, 8.30; Sat 11.30am, 2.30, 5.30, 8.30; Sun-Thru 2.30 (subtitles Sun), 5.30 (subtitles Mon), 8.30
The Chronicles Of Narnia – The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader 3D (PG): Fri-Thru 2.40, 5.15 (subtitles Mon), 8.20
The Chronicles Of Narnia – The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader (PG): Fri-Thru 1, 3.30, 5.45
The Tourist (12A): Fri-Tues 4.15, 6.45, 9; Wed-Thru 9
Megamind 3D (PG): Fri-Thru 12.15 (subtitles Sun-Mon)

Megamind (PG): Fri 2; Sat 11am, 2; Sun-Thru 2

The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest (15) (Swedish with English subtitles): Fri-Tues 8
Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (12A): Fri-Thru 1.30, 4.45, 8.15
Movies for juniors
A Christmas Carol (PG): Sun-Thru 11.45am; Sat 10.20am
Toy Story 3 (U): Sat 10.30am

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Times from Fri, Dec 17, until Thu, Dec 23
Meet The Parents: Little Fockers (12A): Wed-Thru 12.45, 3, 5.10, 7.25, 9.40
Tron Legacy 3D (PG): Fri-Thru 11.30am, 2.30, 5.30, 8.30 (subtitles Sun), 8.30, 9.10 (subtitles Mon)
Burlesque (12A): Fri-Thru 1.10, 3.40, 6.15, 8.50
Fred – The Movie (12A): Fri-Tues 12.15, 2.15, 4.15, 6.15; Wed-Thru 12.15, 2.15
Animals United 3D (U): Fri-Mon 1.15; Tues 3.25; Wed 1.15; Thu 3.25
Animals United (U): Fri-Mon 11.10am, 3.25; Tues 1.15; Wed 11.10am, 3.25; Thu 1.15
The Chronicles Of Narnia – The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader 3D (PG): Fri 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.35; Sat-Sun 10.15am, 12.45, 3.20, 5.55 (subtitles), 8.35; Mon-Thru

12.45, 3.20, 5.55 (subtitles), 8.35
The Chronicles Of Narnia – The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader (PG): Fri 1.30, 6.25; Sat-Thru 11am, 1.30, 6.25
The Tourist (12A): Fri-Tues 12.20, 2.45, 5.05, 7.25, 9.50; Wed-Thru 5.05, 7.25, 9.50
Megamind 3D (PG): Fri-Thru 12noon, 2.10, 4.25, 6.45, 9
Megamind (PG): Fri-Thru 4.10
Monsters (12A): Fri-Tues 8.15
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Despicable Me (U): Sat-Thru 11am
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A Christmas Carol (PG): Sat 10am; Sun-Thru 11am
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Legend Of The Guardians (PG): Sat 10am, Thu 10am
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Twilight Saga: Eclipse (12A): Fri 5.05, Thu 5.30
Nutcracker (TBC): Mon 2, Tues 6.15
Burlesque (12A): Fri-Sat 12.10, 2.50, 5.30, 8.10, 11; Sun-Tues 12.10, 2.50, 5.30,

The big film

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER certificate PG 112m

THERE'S action and adventure afoot in the third book of CS Lewis's enchanting Narnia series.

Following on from the daring escapades of *Prince Caspian*, *The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader* sets sail without the two eldest Pevensie children, Peter (William Moseley) and Susan (Anna Popplewell), and press-gangs some fresh talent to carry the series into the choppy waters of the fourth book, *The Silver Chair*.

Director Michael Apted bows down to the current fad of 3D format but this version barely takes advantage of the eye-popping possibilities. Most of the cast return with the notable absence of Eddie Izzard as the voice of sword-wielding mouse, Reepicheep. He's replaced by Simon Pegg, who rouses the cast into action by telling the children: "There is no honour in turning away from adventure."

The film opens with Peter away at university and Susan in America, consigning Lucy (Georgie Henley) and Edmund (Skandar Keynes) to a miserable stay with stuffy cousin Eustace Scrubb (Will Poulter). He collects insects and can't think of anything nicer than pinning his relatives to the wall like butterfly



specimens. During a fight between Edmund and Eustace, a painting in the guest bedroom magically transports all three to Narnia and onto the titular vessel captained by Drinian (Gary Sweet).

Eustace is aghast but Lucy and Edmund settle in quickly as Narnian royalty, reuniting with King Caspian (Ben Barnes) and Reepicheep (Pegg) aboard *The Dawn Treader*. It transpires that Caspian is on a quest to locate the swords of seven lost noblemen and the Pevensie children pledge their support, encountering the White Witch (Tilda Swinton) and the majestic lion Aslan (Liam Neeson) along the way.

The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader is the most crudely constructed of the films, loosely stitching together the set pieces with comical alterations between Eustace and his cousins. Inevitably, the new boy discovers the hero within, while Lucy learns lessons about self-confidence and beauty. Production design is impressive and the script introduces two monsters for the special effects-heavy finale that should delight younger audiences. Poulter matures from comic relief to would-be hero, while Henley and Keynes make the most of their underwritten roles before they too bid a tearful farewell to their fantastical friends. Our eyes remain dry.

10.40am, 1.25, 4.10, 7, 9.45; Sun 10.40am, 1.25, 7, 9.45; Mon-Tues 10.40am, 1.25, 4.10, 7; Wed-Thru 10.40am, 1.25, 4.10, 9.45

Meet The Parents: Little Fockers (12A): Wed-Thru 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30, 3.40, 5.50, 8, 10.10, 0.10am

Chronicles Of Narnia – Voyage Of The Dawn Treader 3D (PG): Fri-Thru 11.40am

Chronicles Of Narnia – Voyage Of The Dawn Treader 2D (PG): Fri-Thru 12.05, 2.40, 5.15, 7.50, 10.30

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Unstoppable (12A): Fri-Tues 7.40, 10

Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part I (12A): Fri-Sat 9.30am, 12.40, 4, 7.30, 10.50; Sun 9.30am, 12.40, 4, 7.30; Mon-Tues 12.40, 4, 7.30; Wed-Thru 12.40, 4, 7.30, 10.50

Due Date (15): Fri-Sat 7, 9.15, 11.30; Sun 7, 9.15; Mon-Tues 7, 9.15; Wed-Thru 7, 9.15, 11.30

Despicable Me 2D (U): Fri-Thru 9.50am

Tron Legacy 2D (PG) subtitled performance: Sun (TBC): 1.25, Tues (TBC) 7

8.10; Wed-Thru 12.10, 2.50, 5.30, 8.10, 11
Fred – The Movie (12A): Fri-

Thru 9.20am, 11.35am, 1.55
Animals United (U): Fri-Thru 10am, 12.15, 2.30, 4.45

Tron Legacy 3D (PG): Fri-Sat 2.20, 5.25, 8.30, 11.35; Sun 2.20, 5.25, 8.30; Mon 5.25,

8.30; Tues 2.20, 8.55; Wed-Thru 2.20, 5.25, 8.30, 11.35
Tron Legacy 2D (PG): Fri-Sat

Lost letters 44

In each of these puzzles a famous or popular quotation fills the grid. The individual letters remain in their correct column, but have fallen out and are out of order.

Reinsert them in the correct order to find the answer. Any punctuation is given in its own square.

This quotation is from Groucho Marx..

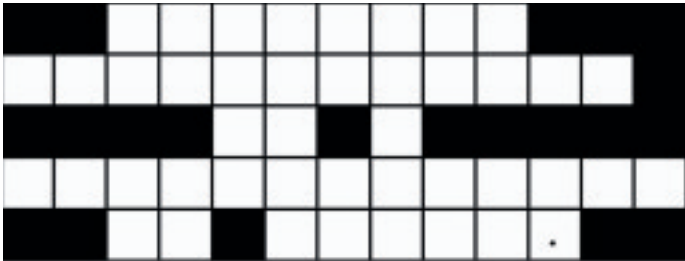
■ Last week's solution: **Unhappiness is best defined as the difference between our talents and our expectations.**

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Sudoku 131:

Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

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■ Last week's solution.

FOUR Ws

1. WHO...played the title role in the 2005 film biography *Capote*? WHAT...was the name of Cloris Leachman's character name in *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*? WHERE...was the

writer William S Burroughs born? WHEN...did Elie Wiesel win the Nobel Peace Prize? 2. WHO...did Juan Ignacio Chela defeat in the 1st Round of the 2006 Australian Open men's singles tennis championship? WHAT...was the

award-winning debut novel by Susan Fletcher? WHERE...was comedian Jim Carrey born? WHEN...was the poet Christopher Logue born? 3. WHO...does Lynn Cohen portray in the 2005 film *Munich*?

WHAT...is the alias of the comic book character Spider-Man's enemy Flint Marko? WHERE...was golf's 2005 Open Championship held? WHEN...was the financial journal *The Economist* founded?

Answers: 1. Philip Seymour Hoffman; Phyllis Lindstrom; St Louis, Missouri, US; 1986. 2. Andy Murray; Eve Green; Newmarket, Ontario, Canada; 1926. 3. Gilda Meir; The Sandman; St Andrews; 1843.

Crossword

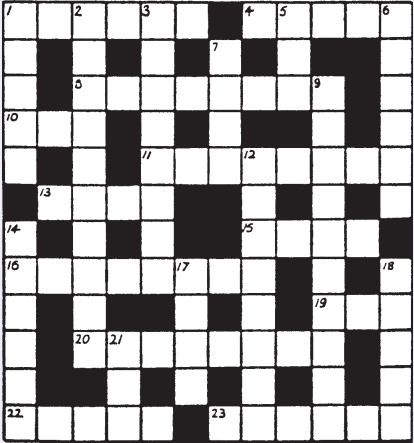
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Across

- Jump suddenly on to the quiet lightweight. (6)
- Undress for second journey. (5)
- Put on ring – leave, rejecting act – won't help. (2,2,4)
- Girl can prosecute. (3)
- The first nobleman put on different ties. (8)
- Son has vehicle with sign of damage. (4)
- Head of the loch. (4)
- Seen again, to be criticised? (8)
- Former partner should start to escape river. (3)
- Telling of a member of the family. (8)
- The very best eel struggles round it. (5)
- Saw how to live and be hugged. (6)

Down

- Wait a moment; sounds like feet. (5)
- Where spies need to be – below shelter. (5,5)
- Study poem? Just the opposite! (8)
- A pair held by the first woman. (3)
- Too good a speed achieved by marauder. (6)
- Indian music sent up with seaweed. (4)
- Clothes with taste



perhaps? Need it to look smart. (5,5)
12. Country belonging to me may go off. (4-4)
14. Crib needs credit with strange deal. (6)
17. Not strong for several days, it's said. (4)
18. Live on a road with

Whiskers, perhaps. (5)
21. Newt, abandoned, loses its head. (3)

Solution 2195 – Across: 1. Majorca; 4. Beet; 6. Keyring; 9. Ardour; 11. Raise; 12. Entrap; 15. Amelia; 18. Combe; 19. Yankee; 21. Reserve; 23. Stag; 24. Fervent. **Down:** 1. Make ready; 2. Joyride; 3. Con; 4. Bandit; 5. Esau; 7. Icen; 8. Gate; 10. Represent; 13. Nicks; 14. Remorse; 16. Liking; 17. Aver; 20. Abet; 22. Eye

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Ensure your garden beats the big freeze

While the recent snowfall we've had in the UK has created a beautiful winter wonderland in many gardens, it may be a different story next year as many plants fail to recover from the bitterly cold weather.

Leading garden charity the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) says if you haven't already winter-proofed your garden, don't waste any more time if you want your less hardy plants to survive the winter. Go into the garden and clear plants, conifers and hedges of snow before their branches buckle and snap under the weight.

Guy Barter, chief horticultural adviser at the RHS, says: "Plants differ in their ability to frost-proof themselves and a hard winter might involve prolonged freezes, with pots and the top 20cm of the soil freezing solid."

Plants at risk include dahlias, fuchsias, gladioli, pelargoniums, canna, citrus and olives, although most keen gardeners will have



by Hannah Stephenson

long since lifted summer-flowering bulbs for storage through the winter and brought their tender specimens under cover or indoors during the dormant period.

Barter says: "Roots are often more vulnerable than upper parts of plants, so preventing pots from freezing is sensible and mulching the roots of vulnerable plants such as hardy fuchsias is wise."

"Tender plants are less able to reduce the prospects of freezing damage and their cell membranes and structures are especially likely to function poorly at cool temperatures. In a hard winter gardeners can expect heavy losses unless they can give protection to their plants."

"Cold winds remove moisture

from evergreen foliage that cannot be replenished from the frozen soil, so leaves and needles are scorched and killed. Hard winters leave many disfigured evergreens and conifers."

The RHS offers the following tips to minimise damage during a really hard winter:

- Top up stocks of fuel for greenhouse heaters and insulate greenhouses and frames with bubble polythene. Further protection can be given by laying fleece over plants in greenhouses or frames and covering frames with old carpets at night or during severe cold snaps.

- Move tender plants in pots to a sheltered place. Greenhouses and conservatories are ideal, especially if they can be kept frost-free. Otherwise, wrap the pots in bubble wrap or bin liners filled with straw, cardboard or leaves, and place the pots against a sheltered wall or an open-fronted shed.

Garages and other buildings are often too dark, but can be successful with care and luck.

- Go easy on watering containers – plants with dryish roots are better placed to resist

cold than ones in soggy compost.

- Mulch the root zone of evergreens, conifers, tender shrubs and tender perennials with coarse organic matter to help exclude frost and prevent the ground being frozen.

- Keep a long pole handy to shake snow off hedges and trees to prevent the snow's weight causing breakages.

- Avoid pruning in freezing weather. Bonfires can be fun, but do be considerate to your neighbours and don't break local bylaws.

- Wrap tender foliage in fleece. Be aware that fleece only gives a degree or two of protection so consider straw packing inside the fleece to limit frost damage.

- Drain watering equipment, sprayers and external plumbing.
- Don't allow liquid fertilisers and pesticides to freeze as this often ruins them.

- Avoid letting lifted dahlias, cannas, gladioli, stored vegetables and fruits freeze.

- Keep a stock of parsnips, leeks and other vegetables in a frost-proof place in case frozen soil prevents harvesting.

- On a positive note, frozen



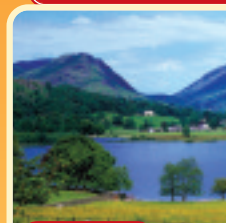
BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE: The Royal Horticultural Society has offered tips to help gardeners protect their plants this winter.

ground can be helpful if you need to barrow materials such as compost around the garden – just

avoid treading on frozen grass as your footmarks will be visible for weeks.

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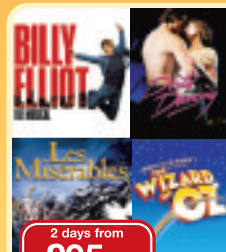
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| SATURDAY | | | | |
| BBC1 | BBC2 | ITV | CHANNEL 4 | CHANNEL 5 |
| 6.00 Breakfast. | 6.00 CBeebies: The Pingu Show. | 6.00 CITV: The Fluffy Club. | 6.30 Sali Mali. 6.35 Yo Gabba Gabba. | 6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. |
| 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. | 6.10 Timmy Time. | 7.25 Toonattik. | 7.00 World Sport. | 10.00 K9. |
| 11.30 Nigella Kitchen. | 6.20 Louie. | 9.25 Monk. | 7.25 Sailing. | 10.35 UEFA Europa League Highlights. |
| 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. | 6.30 Charlie and Lola. | 9.30 The X Factor. | 7.55 The Morning Line. | 11.35 Your Sport. |
| 12.15 Football Focus. Dan Walker looks ahead to the weekend's matches. | 6.40 Postman Pat. | 11.30 This Morning: Saturday. | 8.55 T4: One Tree Hill. 9.50 Ugly Betty. 10.50 Koko Pop. 11.20 Burlesque: Movie Special. 11.55 Friends. 12.20 Hollyoaks Music Show Christmas Special. | 11.45 The Gadget Show. |
| 1.00 Sports Personality of the Year: The Contenders. | 7.00 CBBC: The Jungle Book. | 12.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather. | 1.25 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot and Haydock Park. | 12.45 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. |
| 1.40 Olympia International Horse Show. Highlights of last night's Puissance event. | 7.15 Deadly 60. | 12.30 You've Been Framed! | 3.25 Come Dine with Me. | 1.45 FILM: Naughty or Nice (2004). Festive comedy, starring George Lopez. |
| 2.45 FILM: The Game Plan (2007). Family comedy. | 7.40 Bear Behaving Badly. | 1.00 Coronation Street: 50 Years, 50 Moments. Part one of two. | 3.55 Come Dine with Me. | 3.35 FILM: Crazy for Christmas (2005). Family drama, starring Andrea Roth. |
| 4.30 Final Score. | 8.05 Eliot Kid. | 3.45 FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007). Fantasy comedy. | 4.30 FILM: Horton Hears a Who! (2008). Premiere. Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Jim Carrey. | 5.30 FILM: Call Me Claus (2001). Christmas family drama, starring Whoopi Goldberg. |
| 5.10 BBC News. | 8.20 Shaun the Sheep. | 5.35 Anglia News and Weather. | 6.05 Come Dine with Me. | 7.20 Five News. |
| 5.30 Total Wipeout - Celebrity Special. | 8.30 Shaun the Sheep. | 5.45 ITV News and Weather. | 6.35 Come Dine with Me. | 7.25 The Mentalist. |
| 6.30 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. | 8.30 ChuckleVision. | 6.00 Family Film of the Decade. A showcase of the past 10 years' greatest family movies. | 7.05 Come Dine with Me. | 8.10 NCIS. The team hears that an old enemy has returned, and Gibbs is distressed to learn he is being targeted as the criminal's next victim. Guest starring Rudolf Martin. |
| 7.00 Strictly Come Dancing. | 9.00 Hotel Trouble. | 7.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special. | 7.55 4thought.tv. | 9.05 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Part two of two. The team co-operates with a serial killer to get information on Dr Jekyll, while Langston learns of the fate awaiting the next victim. |
| 8.00 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. Rapper Tinie Tempah performs. | 9.55 Diddy Dick & Dom. | 8.00 Take Me Out. A boxer, a teacher, a property developer and a rapper try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates. | 8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Perfect Christmas. (R) (T) 7505 | 10.05 CSI: NY. Miami detective Horatio Caine goes in pursuit of a serial killer in New York, but soon loses the trail and is forced to look for other leads. David Caruso guest stars. |
| 8.15 Casualty. | 10.00 Tracy Beaker Returns. | 9.15 FILM: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001). Romantic comedy starring Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. | 9.00 Kirstie and Phil's Perfect Christmas. The duo plan New Year celebrations. Last in the series. | 11.05 CSI: NY. |
| 9.05 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth, Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman gather for the results show to reveal the Strictly Come Dancing 2010 champions. Last in the series. | 10.05 BBC News. | 11.05 ITV News and Weather. | 1.00 King of the Hill. | 12.00 SuperCasino. |
| 10.05 Match of the Day. Gabby Logan presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes (C) National Lottery Update. | 10.25 BBC News. | 11.20 Sting: Live in Berlin. The singer-songwriter performs some of his best-known songs in the German capital, backed by the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra and his own four-piece band. | 1.25 FILM: An Everlasting Piece (2000). Comedy, starring Barry McEvy and Brian O'Byrne. | 4.05 Poker. |
| 11.45 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents. | 10.45 Believe: The Eddie Izzard Story. | | 3.15 Brothers & Sisters. | |
| | 12.15 FILM: The Drowning Pool (1975). Thriller sequel, starring Paul Newman. | | 4.00 ER. | |
|  Strictly Come Dancing Final BBC1, Saturday, 7pm | | | | |
|  David Suchet on the Orient Express ITV, Sunday, 9pm | | | | |
|  100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross Channel Four, Sunday, 6pm | | | | |
|  A Christmas Carol five, Sunday, 7.05pm | | | | |
| SUNDAY | | | | |
| BBC1 | BBC2 | ITV | CHANNEL 4 | CHANNEL 5 |
| 6.00 Breakfast. | 6.00 CBeebies: The Pingu Show. | 6.00 CITV: The Fluffy Club. Pre-school fun with Tiny Little Fluff. | 6.20 Sali Mali. 6.25 The Treacle People. 6.35 Planet Cook. 6.55 Survival of the Fittest. 7.20 Freesports on 4. | 6.00 Milkshake!. |
| 7.35 Match of the Day. | 6.10 Timmy Time. 6.20 Louie. | 7.25 Toonattik. Animated fun. | 7.50 T4: One Tree Hill. | 10.00 Shakel: iCarly. |
| 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. | 6.30 Everything's Rosie. 6.40 Postman Pat. | 9.25 Coronation Street. Omnibus. | 8.45 T4: Hollyoaks. | 10.35 True Jackson, VP. |
| 10.00 Fern Britton Meets Sir Cliff Richard. | 7.00 CBBC: The Jungle Book. | 11.45 This Morning: Sunday. Highlights of the week's programmes. | 11.15 T4: Taio Cruz ft. Kylie Minogue - Video Exclusive & Behind the Scenes. | 11.10 K9. |
| 11.00 Country Tracks. | 7.15 Deadly 60. | 12.45 ITV News and Weather. | 1.40 T4: Being N-Dubz at Christmas. | 11.45 Zoo Days. |
| 12.00 BBC News. | 7.40 Bear Behaving Badly. | 1.00 Coronation Street: 50 Years, 50 Moments. Concluding the countdown of the soap's best storylines. | 12.40 T4: Ugly Betty. | 11.50 Zoo Days. |
| 12.05 Wild Weather of the Midlands. Sheffield Oza looks at extreme weather in the Midlands region. | 8.05 Eliot Kid. | 2.00 FILM: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989). Comedy, starring Chevy Chase. | 1.40 T4: The Simpsons. | 12.20 Andre Rieu in Concert. |
| 12.25 EastEnders. Omnibus. | 8.20 Shaun the Sheep. | 3.50 FILM: The Mummy (1999). Action adventure. | 2.15 FILM: Annie (1982). John Huston's musical, with Albert Finney and Carol Burnett. | 1.05 Emergency Bikers. |
| 2.25 Drop Zone. The four remaining teams land in Thailand. | 8.25 Shaun the Sheep. | 6.00 Anglia News and Weather. | 4.40 Deal or No Deal. | 2.10 FILM: Saddle the Wind (1958). Western drama, starring Robert Taylor and John Cassavetes. |
| 3.25 Drop Zone. The three remaining teams complete in the final of the adventure game show, tackling rugged terrain and demanding tasks in Vietnam. Presented by Steve Jones. Last in the series. | 8.30 The Slammer. | 6.15 ITV News and Weather. | 5.30 Channel 4 News. | 3.45 FILM: A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa (2008). Premiere. Puppet comedy, with Richard Griffiths. |
| 4.25 Lifeline. | 9.00 Hotel Trouble. | 6.30 FILM: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007). Fantasy adventure sequel, with Daniel Radcliffe. | 5.55 4thought.tv. | 5.10 Five News. |
| 4.35 Songs of Praise. Pam Rhodes experiences an Edwardian Christmas in Shropshire, learning about carols, gifts, festive food and traditions from the early 20th century. | 9.30 Scoop. | 9.00 David Suchet on the Orient Express. The Poirot star rides the famous train through Europe, discovering some of the real-life dramas the Orient Express has witnessed. | 6.00 100 Greatest Toys with Jonathan Ross. A countdown of the nation's favourite games, gadgets and gizmos, as inventors and toy-makers tell the inside stories of their creations and successes. | 5.15 FILM: Mrs Miracle (2009). Family drama, starring Doris Roberts. |
| 5.10 BBC News. | 10.00 Something for the Weekend. | 10.00 ITV News and Weather. | 9.00 The Secret Millionaire Changed My Life. Businessman Paul Ragan returns to Derby to see how money he donated to good causes has helped disadvantaged residents of the East Midlands city. | 7.05 FILM: A Christmas Carol (1999). Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge hates the Christmas season, but is warned to change his attitude by a series of ghosts. Dickens' classic tale, with Patrick Stewart and Richard E Grant. Including Five News Update. |
| 5.30 Jimmy's Food Factory. | 12.30 The Nation's Favourite Christmas Food. | 10.15 FILM: Atonement (2007). Premiere. A 13-year-old girl accuses her sister's lover of a crime he did not commit, with tragic repercussions. Romantic period drama, starring Keira Knightley. | 10.00 Desperate Housewives. Paul's malicious plan for Wisteria Lane is put in motion, Juanita discovers Gabrielle's big secret, and Bree invites Keith to move in with her. | 9.00 FILM: Blood Work (2002). A former FBI agent recovering from a heart transplant tracks down his organ donor's killer. Thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. With Anjelica Huston and Jeff Daniels. |
| 6.00 Countryfile Winter Special. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. | 1.00 Escape to the Country. One Man and His Dog. | 12.30 Christmas Tales: The Legends of Santa. Fiona Phillips explores the origins of Father Christmas. | 11.00 Father Ted. | 11.15 FILM: No Mercy (1986). Action thriller, starring Richard Gere. |
| 7.00 Sports Personality of the Year. | 1.10 Eddie Izzard: Stripped. | | 12.15 The Real Housewives of New Jersey. | 1.20 SuperCasino. |
| 9.00 The Apprentice. Last in the series. | 1.10 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. | | | 4.05 Poker. |
| 11.00 BBC News. | 1.50 FILM: Nosteratu the Vampire | | | 4.55 The Family Recipe. |
| 11.20 FILM: Butterfly on a Wheel (2007). Thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan and Gerard Butler; (C) Weatherview. | | | | 5.00 Hana's Helpline. |

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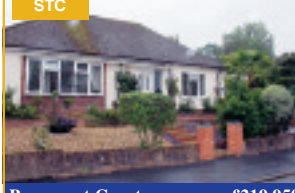
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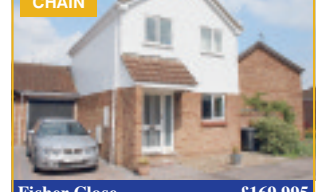
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NO CHAIN**Weddell Road****£172,000**

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NO CHAIN**Fisher Close****£169,995**

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Popular close to town location. Well presented semi-detached. Lounge, kitchen/dining room, ground floor bathroom, four bedrooms, front garden, un-overlooked rear garden, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, gas fired central heating to radiators, Early inspection highly recommended.

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Popular Cambridge side of town, end of terrace family home, L-shaped lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, generous rear garden, front garden, allocated parking to rear, early inspection highly recommended.

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at a glance

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- Two bedroom home
- Well presented
- Large gardens





Perfect house for a couple

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Modern home has feature fireplace

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**Horsham Close £132,500**

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**Quendon Place £124,500**

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**Brybank Road £169,995**

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**Tasman Road £189,995**

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**Mallow Walk £127,950**

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Haverhill **OIEO £140,000**
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Haverhill **OIEO £179,995**
Situating on the ever popular poppyfields development is this beautifully presented modern home. 2 Reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, garage adjacent to property.

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Haverhill **OIEO £195,000**
Beautifully presented 3 bedroom home in a popular Cul-de-Sac location. Lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, with planning permission for an attached dwelling adjacent.

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Castle Camps **£375,000**
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Haverhill **£165,000**

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Haverhill **£169,995**

Situated close to the town centre is this semi detached home. Lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, utility, playroom and bathroom. Gas fired heating to radiators and UPVC double glazing.

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Haverhill **OIEO £147,000**

Well presented 3 bedroom property, boasting an wealth of period features. Accommodation in brief comprises Lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom and 120 rear garden.

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Great Bradley **£175,000**

2/3 bedroom semi detached cottage. The property features include oil fired central heating to radiators, ground floor cloakroom and brick and glazed conservatory, garage and parking.

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Haverhill **OIEO £139,950**

Two bedroom home at the end of a Cul De Sac. Features include gas fired heating to radiators, double glazed windows with re-fitted kitchen and bathroom.

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Haverhill **OIRO £142,000**

Well presented home in a Cul De Sac location, close to Sainsbury's. Features include gas fired heating to radiators, double glazed windows, re-fitted kitchen and bathroom.

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Haverhill **OIEO £199,995**

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Haverhill **£279,995**

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Haverhill **£139,995**

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Haverhill OIEO £89,995

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Haverhill £199,995

Three bedroom semi-detached property on the Boyton Hall estate. Lounge, separate dining room, three double bedrooms, family bathroom, garage and driveway, 70' + garden.

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Haverhill OIEO £144,995

Well presented 2 bedroom home at the end of a Cul De Sac, close to Sainsbury's. Features include gas fired heating to radiators, double glazed windows.

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Haverhill £134,995

Well presented 2 bedroom home situated in a modern Cul-de-Sac. Fitted kitchen, lounge dining room and first floor bathroom, with the added benefit of a garage to the rear of the property.

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Haverhill OIEO £107,995

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Haverhill £176,995

3 Bedroom detached home in a popular residential cul-de-sac. Many features to include replacement UPVC double glazed windows, gas fired heating to radiators and larger than average rear garden.

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Haverhill £144,950

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Haverhill £219,995

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HAVERHILL £270,000



A spacious and impressive family home on a sought after established development. Spacious kitchen with large dining area, conservatory, double aspect lounge, family room/study, cloakroom, four bedrooms, en-suite shower room and family bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended



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•••NO ONWARD CHAIN••• A modern three bedroom end of terraced property located on the Poppyfields development.

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YOUR GUIDE TO MOVING HOME

1 Moving home can be a complicated business and, in the hectic run to the big day, it is all too easy to forget something vital. The Property News offers their readers this handy checklist that should help avoid major pitfalls. We suggest you tick off the items as you deal with them...

WITH FOUR WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ☐ Check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ☐ Make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move.
- ☐ Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ☐ Notify British Telecom and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone facilities at your new home.
- ☐ Arrange for change of address cards to be printed.

WITH TWO WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ Confirm all arrangements, times etc, for meter readings, disconnections and reconnections, with authorities and with your buyer and seller.
- ☐ Make sure you have a good stock of packing materials, including sturdy boxes and plenty of string and sticky tape.
- ☐ Begin to throw out unwanted items from attics, wardrobes. What you really don't want you may as well dump now, or send to charity. It's a great time for a good sort out!

WITH ONE WEEK TO GO:

- ☐ Send off change of address cards.
- ☐ Arrange and pay for automatic redirection of your mail by the Post Office.
- ☐ Cancel and pay up accounts for routine delivery services such as milk, groceries, fuel and your Cambridge Evening News. Re-organise these deliveries for your new address.
- ☐ Defrost refrigerators in preparation for move and, if you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.

WITH ONE DAY TO GO:

- ☐ Complete your packing except for those items you are likely to need overnight, and prepare a picnic for moving day.
- ☐ Have a large enough cash 'float' available to deal with unexpected expenses, and make sure you have collected documents and valuables together in a safe place.
- ☐ Cover carpets which are being left behind, so as to minimise damage during furniture removal.
- ☐ Check through previous lists to make sure nothing has been overlooked, then enjoy a worry-free early night!

2 ON MOVING DAY:

- ☐ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ☐ Pack items for washing/toiletries.
- ☐ Take down curtains.
- ☐ Take up rugs, carpets, floor coverings, as required.
- ☐ Dismantle any light fittings etc., not included in the sale.
- ☐ Turn off electric appliances.
- ☐ Disconnect cooker.
- ☐ Turn off boiler/central heating.
- ☐ Turn off water.
- ☐ Read gas meter.
- ☐ Read electricity meter.
- ☐ Secure all windows.
- ☐ Lock all doors.
- ☐ Leave key as arranged with new owners.
- ☐ On arrival at your new home, unpack slowly and methodically so that you can check for loss or damage.

3 EXTRA HINTS FOR A SMOOTH MOVE...

WHO TO NOTIFY:

- ☐ Banks.
- ☐ Building Societies.
- ☐ Credit companies.
- ☐ Insurance companies.
- ☐ Gas, Electricity and Water Boards.
- ☐ Telephone company.
- ☐ Local Authority (Rating Department).
- ☐ Driving Licence authorities.
- ☐ Inland Revenue.
- ☐ Store cards and accounts.
- ☐ Other lease, hire or rental companies.
- ☐ Employer.
- ☐ Doctor.
- ☐ Dentist.
- ☐ Schools.
- ☐ Professional Bodies/Trade Unions.
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- ☐ Newsagent.
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Landy: Residuals boost

LAND Rover is emerging triumphant from the cold spell.

An industry report conducted by used car valuers Glass's reveals that three Land Rover models are among the top 10 ranked vehicles retaining the highest residual values over the first three years of ownership. Land Rover has launched a mobile version of the Used Vehicle Locator (UVL), suitable for iPhone and other mobile browsers.

The mobile UVL enables users to perform a basic or an advanced used vehicle search in order to find the best local deal on a used Landy.

The basic search allows the user to define the search by model, price, transmission, fuel type and postcode.



THANKS: Land Rover CEO Dr Ralf Speth hands over keys to two Discovery 4 models to members of the London Ambulance Service. The vehicles will help transport stranded employees to hospitals in adverse conditions.

The advanced search will filter further by variant, mileage, age and colour. Users then select their chosen vehicle and submit a 'call me back' form which is then emailed directly to the local Land Rover dealer.

The desktop version

of the UVL will also allow users to text vehicle details to a mobile through SMS so that users are able to view current selections via the mobile version.

The mobile Used Vehicle Locator is free and can be found by simply entering *m.used*.

landrover.co.uk into your mobile browser.

The desktop version can be accessed online at *www.usedvehicles.landrover.co.uk*.

Meanwhile, the three most in-demand Landys according to Glass's are the three year-old (57 plate) Freelander 2 GS

TD4 Auto ranked in fourth place, Discovery 3 2.7 TDV6 in sixth place, and the Range Rover Sport 2.7 TDV6 ninth in the top 10 ranked vehicles.

Adrian Rushmore of Glass's said: "The British love affair with the 4x4 has meant residual values of several models have remained high. In Glass's list of the top 10 best performing three-year old (57-plate) models in terms of residual value, Land Rover claimed three spots.

"Besides the aspirational appeal of the Land Rover brand, consumers have remembered how well their Land Rovers performed in the extreme winter weather last year and this has also impacted positively on their residual value."

Jaguar XJ 'a blast from the future': Top Gear

TOP GEAR has named the Jaguar XJ as its Luxury Car of the Year 2010, placing the British firm's flagship model above rivals from BMW and Audi.

Writing in the most recent Awards Issue of *Top Gear* magazine, editor at large Jason Barlow described the XJ as a "blast from the future", adding: "Rarely has a new car slackened so many jaws."

The XJ is a landmark vehicle from a revitalised and more confident Jaguar. Since launch in May 2010, it has been extremely well received by customers and media alike and is fast becoming a multi-award winning model, having already scooped the Scottish Luxury Car of the Year and *What Car?* Luxury Green Car of the Year accolades.

Geoff Cousins, managing director, Jaguar UK, said: "The Jaguar XJ brought a

bold new approach to the luxury car market in the UK with its distinctive design, generous accommodation, exceptional performance and strong economy credentials.

"We're delighted that the *Top Gear* team – definitely one of the toughest judging panels anywhere in the motoring world – have recognised what makes the XJ so special with this award."

With its lightweight aluminium architecture, the XJ is the most efficient luxury car in its class. It has attained a 29 per cent segment share during its first six months on sale, establishing itself as the British car of choice with customers ranging from company CEOs to high-end hotel chains.

Priced from £53,900 on the road, the Jaguar XJ is on sale now at Jaguar dealerships throughout the UK.

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Lexus: 20 years of delighting motorists

IN 1990 Lexus made its debut in the UK, a new luxury brand from Toyota represented by a single model: the LS 400 saloon, powered by a distinctively smooth, refined and whisper-quiet 4.0-litre V8 engine.

Could it cut the mustard against the established European prestige marques? Could it set new standards in technology, equipment specifications and safety? And could it achieve higher customer satisfaction levels

than any other brand?

Move the calendar forward to 2010 and Lexus has achieved all these feats, and more. The doubters of the '90s – and quite a few ready to dismiss an upstart luxury brand from Japan – have been proved wrong and Lexus commands respect as one of the most innovative and accomplished car makers in the world.

Today Lexus's UK range of four mainstream models – IS, GS, RX and LS – plus the high-performance IS-F and ultra-exclusive LFA supercar,

are among the most technically advanced, luxurious and sophisticated in their class. Furthermore, no automotive brand delivers better service to its customers, according to the independent annual UK customer satisfaction survey by JD Power and Associates, in which Lexus's status as the top ranked manufacturer has been unchallenged for the past 10 years.

In terms of powertrain technology, too, Lexus maintains its industry leadership. It introduced full hybrid

power to the prestige car market with Lexus Hybrid Drive in the RX 400 in 2005 and has continuously improved the technology to deliver an unmatched combination of power, fuel efficiency and reduced emissions in new generations of the RX, GS and LS.

Lexus's product development will enter an important new phase early in 2011 with the launch of the full hybrid CT 200h, its first model for the luxury small car segment. Although positioned as the gateway to the Lexus range, it has been designed in detail to deliver sporty ride and handling performance, combined with emissions and fuel economy benefits of the Lexus Hybrid Drive powertrain.

Just 20 years ago the on-the-road price for a new LS 400 was £34,625, which is the equivalent of around £58,000 today. The contrast with the current top-of-the-range Lexus, the full hybrid LS 600h long wheelbase limousine, is stark in almost every respect: in place of the V8 engine there is a full hybrid powertrain; the equipment specification has a wealth of significantly more sophisticated and luxurious features; and the car is designed, engineered and built to higher standards all round.



RANGE ROVER SPORT: Iconic Chelsea tractor.

Chelsea tractors: They really do want to get to Chelsea

THOSE who have mocked city owners of off-road 4x4 vehicles as having "Chelsea tractors" seem to know what they are talking about, according to a survey published last week.

Chelsea in south-west London has the highest proportion of 4x4s in the UK, the poll by car insurance company Diamond found.

Based on a study, per postcode, of drivers, the survey showed that 17.8 per cent of vehicles in Chelsea in SW3 were 4x4s.

Only slightly behind was Kensington in the W8 area of west London with a rate of 17.4 per cent.

Third was Banchory in Aberdeenshire in Scotland (17 per cent), with another Aberdeenshire area, Turfiff, in fourth place with 16.4 per cent.

The preponderance of 4x4s in suburban areas of southern England rather than in rural

farming areas was shown by such spots as Guildford in Surrey, Wadhurst in Kent and Brentwood in Essex featuring in the top 10.

The poll also found the most popular 4x4 was the Range Rover followed by the Land Rover Freelander.

Occupation-wise, those most likely to drive a 4x4 were haulage contractors, followed by bank directors, farmers and agricultural contractors.

Diamond managing director Elwyn Gedrych said: "Over recent years an array of new 4x4 vehicles have entered the market, such as the Range Rover Sport. These have attracted the driver who wants the performance of a car but the size of a 4x4, and can now be seen in large numbers on our roads.

"These vehicles are obviously particularly popular in Chelsea – in fact, almost one in five cars driven in Chelsea is a 4x4."



CLASS: A 1990 Lexus LS 400, left and a 2010 LS 600h, right.

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Winter tyres row: 'Unsuitable' Commons remark causes fury

WITH hundreds of motorists already having spent a night in their vehicles as the coldest start to December since 1981 has taken hold, and with low temperatures set to continue next week, Transport Secretary Philip Hammond has dismayed manufacturers and safety groups by suggesting winter tyres are not suitable for the UK.

Mr Hammond told the Commons last week that winter tyres are not suitable for UK roads and, despite howls of outrage from UK motoring groups, has so far failed to revise his opinion.

Winter tyres, or cold-weather tyres as they are also known, use a different compound to summer tyres to ensure better performance.

Frequently confused with studded snow tyres, winter tyres are designed to operate at peak



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performance when the ambient temperature is at 7C or below.

Additional grooves in the tyre give it better grip on snow and ice.

Tests conducted by the British Tyre Manufacturers' Association found that a car

braking at 60mph on a wet road at 5C stopped five metres shorter, equivalent to more than one car length, when fitted with winter-weather tyres.

On ice and snow-covered roads the difference was even more remarkable. The

car equipped with winter tyres stopped 11 metres sooner on ice and eight metres sooner on snow, from just 20mph.

Car manufacturers are promoting the benefits of winter tyres, the fitment of which is mandatory in many

European countries.

BMW spokesman Gavin Ward said: "Until recently winter tyres were viewed by people in the UK as not necessary. However, the last winter and the current weather has brought the issue to the fore.

"People have really come around to the benefits such tyres can bring – not just in terms of real snow driving but also wet weather and in sub seven degrees temperatures.

"BMW formally launched a winter-tyre programme this year and we have been delighted with the response from UK motorists.

"In the last two months alone we have sold nearly 1,500 winter tyre and wheel packages. This does not take into account those dealers that have also sourced winter tyres alone for customer cars.

"The feedback from BMW owners is that they accept the initial minimal financial outlay because of the long-term gains in tyre longevity

and the safety benefits."

Stuart Jackson, chairman, TyreSafe, said: "Mr Hammond's comments show a complete lack of understanding about modern winter tyres, which are the ideal solution to the type of weather we are currently experiencing.

"Studless winter tyres are designed to provide much better grip over the entire winter period, not just for when people are driving for long periods on compacted snow as he implied. They do not damage road surfaces in any way and are wholly appropriate for the UK situation."

Mr Hammond also stated that "winter tyres wear out very quickly on normal road surfaces" but this is not the case, says Green Car Guide, as "in winter conditions, winter tyres do not wear any more quickly than conventional tyres and are manufactured with a deeper tread to improve performance".

Renault: Holding back the VAT

West's Renault is stamping out the VAT on many cars from the Renault range, including the Renault I-Music Special Edition.

That means that anyone who buys the Clio or Mégane I-Music before December 31 will save a whopping 17.5 per cent as West's Renault will foot the bill for the VAT.

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West's Renault sales manager Ian Davidson said: "Life never sounded so good! We're paying the VAT on all I-Music models between now and the end of the year. In January, the VAT goes up, so there's no better time to buy the I-Music Clio or Mégane."

For more information, visit www.westsrenault.co.uk. Pictured: the Renault I-Music Coupe.

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A new, top-of-the-range EX model, featuring black leather upholstery and

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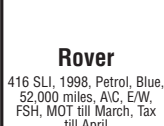
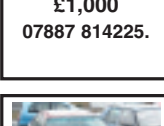


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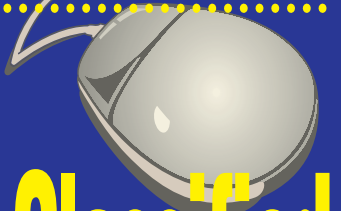
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Cambridge and District Colts League, under-13C

WEST Wrattling were in celebratory mood as five-goal Charlie Ellam put an under-strength Milton side to the sword in their last game before Christmas.

The home side were off and running from the first minute when Liam Gibbs put them ahead and, after an own goal and one at the right end for the visitors, he made it 3-1.

He then completed his hat-trick and, as Milton folded, Ellam grabbed three of his own.

Jake Murphy and Jesse Luff made it 9-1 before the visitors pulled one back, but Matt Carpenter and Ben Eames made it 11-2 before the visitors added their third.

That left time for Ellam to hit two more to complete the scoring.

Haverhill Rovers 2 Priory Parkside 1

Cambridge and District Colts League, under-15A

TWO goals from Liam Curran helped Rovers finish the year on a winning note.

They had the better of the early exchanges and, after several near misses, Curran found himself in the clear and he finished calmly.

However, Rovers took their foot off the gas and a mistimed clearance allowed Priory to equalise.

Midway through an even second



Kitted out: Haverhill Rovers under-15s in their new away kit sponsored by Lee Bowerbank, of Planethire.

half, though, Curran struck again to give Rovers the points.

Spartak 1 Thurlow 0

Camb Mini League Cup, under-10

THURLOW put up a good show against their unbeaten rivals and felt unlucky not to take the game into extra time.

They had to soak up a lot of pressure until the introduction of Tyfun Yagir added some steel to the physical midfield battle.

However, they were set back by the only goal just before half time, a

free kick taking a deflection off the wall and looping into the net.

And although they created chances, Thurlow were grateful to keeper Ryan Wiseman and defenders Finlay Dray, Jack Edwards and Miles Wiffen for keeping them in the game when Spartak counter-attacked.

Haverhill Rov 4 Comberton Crusaders 1

Cambridge and District Colts League, under-13A

WILL Bailey and Billy Bush shared the goals between them as Rovers

made the most of the thaw to see off Crusaders.

Their two previous encounters had been fairly close affairs but Rovers made a flying start, pinning the visitors in their half for the first 20 minutes.

They broke the deadlock when Jack Trowbridge's cross picked out left-winger Bush, who lobbed home, and then Bailey doubled the score just before the break.

Crusaders pulled a goal back soon after the turn-around, and although Bailey hit the post, Bush restored the two-goal cushion.

Bailey wrapped it up with the fourth.

Spartak 1 West Wrattling 5

Cambridge and District Colts League, under-14B

AFTER forcing the pace for the first few minutes, Harvey Scotton slammed the opening goal into the bottom right-hand corner.

However, the lead was short-lived as Spartak equalised when Ben Weedon sped through and round the keeper.

The same player forced a good save from Aaron Millar before Wrattling got their noses in front just before the break, Mark Coulson firing home after a succession of corners.

Within three minutes of the restart Earle Lambert tucked away his 11th goal of the season and their lead was extended when Rory Jebb

converted his 12th of the campaign.

The scoring was completed by Mike Torode, who headed in Lambert's corner.

Gamlingay Utd 0 Steeple Bumpstead 3

Cambridgeshire 9 v 9 under-12B

BUMPSTEAD made a lightning start against the league leaders, man-of-the-match Charlie Osborn giving them the lead after just two minutes.

Nathan Fuff extended the advantage with a fierce shot from the edge of the box and, although the home side looked dangerous from set pieces, they could not break Bumpstead's resistance.

And the visitors were rewarded for their efforts when a home defender deflected in Osborn's header.

Haverhill Rov 2 Priory Parkside 2

Cambridge and District Colts League, under-14D

A DRAW was a fair result as Haverhill failed to make their lead stick.

Conor Goodings gave the home side the edge early in the game, but sloppy defending allowed Priory to equalise.

Within minutes Rovers were back in front, Thomas Marsh crossing for Paul Notley to steer the ball home.

Priory fought back and made it all square midway through the second half.

Weekend results round-up

FOOTBALL**Saturday****RIDGEONS FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

Premier Division: Brantham Ath 2 Kirkley & Pakefield 1, Ely City 3 Debenham LC 3, FC Clacton 0 CRC 5, Gt Yarmouth Tn 1 Histon res 2, Mildenhall Tn 1 Wivenhoe 0, Woodbridge 0 Wisbech Tn 0, Haverhill Rov 3 Newmarket Tn 0, Hadleigh Utd 4 Felixstowe & Walton Utd 1.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Dereham Town | 22 | 17 | 3 | 2 | 59 | 18 | 54 |
| Wroxham | 22 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 55 | 25 | 47 |
| Leiston | 16 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 43 | 17 | 39 |
| Haverhill Rov | 20 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 36 | 18 | 39 |
| Kirkley & Pak | 24 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 38 | 27 | 34 |
| CRC | 20 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 46 | 29 | 33 |
| Hadleigh Utd | 19 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 39 | 29 | 31 |
| Norwich Utd | 22 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 40 | 32 | 31 |
| Mildenhall Tn | 22 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 28 | 31 | 31 |
| Wisbech Town | 20 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 34 | 30 | 30 |
| Woodbridge Tn | 21 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 35 | 45 | 28 |
| Newmarket Tn | 21 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 24 | 43 | 26 |
| Wivenhoe | 23 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 30 | 37 | 25 |
| FC Clacton | 20 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 30 | 32 | 24 |
| Gt Yarmouth Tn | 21 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 30 | 38 | 23 |
| Ely City | 20 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 31 | 34 | 20 |
| Stanway Rovers | 15 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 20 | 18 | 19 |
| Debenham LC | 21 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 32 | 53 | 17 |
| Histon res | 23 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 23 | 77 | 17 |
| Walsh Le Willows | 18 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 29 | 32 | 16 |
| Brantham Ath Utd | 21 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 27 | 40 | 16 |
| Felix & W Alth | 17 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 22 | 46 | 14 |

KERSHAW LEAGUE

Premier Division: Fulbourn Institute 2 Foxton 1, Hardwick 3 Waterbeach 0, Newmarket Tn res 4 Somersham Tn 3, Whittlesford Utd 3 Ely City res 2.

Rest of programme postponed including Cottenham Utd v Hordon, West Wrattling v Lakenheath (post).

Senior A: Brampton 3 Mildenhall Tn res 3, Castle Camps 0 Wimbington 1, Cherry Hinton 3 Hemingfords Utd 5, Linton Granth 4 Soham Tn Rgrs res 1, Milton 4 Girton Utd 1, Needingworth Utd 3 Sawston Utd 3, Wisbech Tn res 5 Soham Utd 4.

Senior B: Cambridge City res 2 Fulbourn Institute res 2, Comberton Utd 4 Great Paxton 5, Fowlmere 3 Ely City A 2, Lakenheath res 5 Swavesey Institute 1, Longstanton 8 Outwell Swifts 0, Melbourn 1 West Wrattling res 2, Wisbech St Mary 3 Saffron Crocus 0.

BIS LEAGUE

Division 3A: Abington Utd v Figleaves (post), Balsham 5 Duxford Utd res 0, Great Chesterford 7 Steeple Morden 0,

Hardwick A 4 Fulbourn Institute A 0, Hordon res 3 Comberton Utd res 1, Sawston Utd res 8 Lode 0.

Division 4A: Deben res 1 Meldreth 0, Great Paxton res v West Wrattling A (awarded to home side), Lillington Ath 2 City of Cambridge Crusaders 3, Orwell 2 Linton Granth res 1, Saffron Rgrs v Fowlmere res (post), Sawston Rov res 5 Cherry Hinton res 3, Thurlow 2 Saffron Walden Tn A 2.

Division 5A: Dullingham res v Castle Camps res (post), Haverhill Ath 4 Steeple Bumpstead res 1, Lode res 13 Newport Veterans 1, Saffron Crocus res v Hordon A (post), Saffron Dynamos 0 Dalehead Utd 1.

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE

Under-11B: Plantation 2 Saffron Walden Tn A 2, Saffron Hawks 0 Thurlow 8, Saffron Walden Tn B 2 Hordon Hawks 2, Steeple Bumpstead Dynamos 0 Great Bardfield 8.

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE KNOCKOUT CUP

Bottisham 2 Dynamo Foxton 0, Burwell Tigers 13 Gransden B 0, Cherry Hinton Lions 4 Caldecote 1, Comberton Crusaders 2 Newmarket Tn C 0, Ely Crusaders 4 Waterbeach B 1, Gamlingay Utd A 0 Aztecs A 3, Gransden A 2 Chesterton Eagles 8, Histon Hornets 7 Waterbeach A 0, Plantation A 1 Aztecs B 0, Sawston United 0 Newmarket Tn B 4, Spartak 78 1 Thurlow 0, West Wrattling 5 Balsham 0, Witcheford 2 Newmarket Tn A 0.

Sunday**TREADFIRST SUBBURY & DISTRICT LEAGUE**

Division One: Dragons 4 Haverhill Royal Exchange 0, Glemsford Social Club 3 Haverhill Snooker & Bowl 0.

Division Two: Boxford Rov 2 Assington 3.

Division Three: Stoke by Clare 1 Glemsford Gladiators 1.

Division Four: Cornard Five Bells 1 Halstead Dragons 12, HESMC 9 Delaware Feather Angels 3, Sudbury Vikings 5 Tesco 5, White Hart res 4 Paradise Wdr 7.

Rest of programme postponed

TREADFIRST SUBBURY SUNDAY CHALLENGE CUP

Third round: White Hart 8 Cornard Crusaders 3.

THE REFEREE'S TROPHY

Third round: Horse & Groom 1 Mount Pleasant 7.

CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE

Under-12C: Comberton Crusaders 5 St Ives Rgrs C 1, Hordon Hawks 12 Mereside Rgrs 0, Newmarket Tn 5 Cambourne 1.

Under-13A: Cambridge Celts 2 Newmarket Tn 1, Haverhill Rov 4 Comberton Crusaders 1, Priory Parkside B 0 Ely Crusaders 8, Sawston Utd 0 Teversham 4.

Under-13C: Littleport Tn 4 Histon Hornets 3, SASS 3 Bar Hill 2, Walpole Warriors 6 Huntingdon Rowdies 3, West Wrattling 13 Milton 3, Willingham Wolves 1 St Ives Rgrs 3.

Under-14B: Aztecs 5 Huntingdon Rowdies 4, Spartak 78 1 West Wrattling 5.

Under-14D: Girton 8 Priory Parkside C 0, Haverhill Rov 2 Priory Parkside B 2.

Under-14E: Cottenham Utd 1 Hordon Hawks 2.

Under-15A: Haverhill Rov 2 Priory Parkside 1.

Under-15D: Hordon Hawks 0 Bar Hill 2, St Ives Rgrs 2 Aztecs 12.

CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT COLTS LEAGUE CUP

Under-14, third round: Cherry Hinton Lions 2 Arbury Aces 1, Willingham Wolves 0 St Ives Rgrs 5, Withersfield 2 Chatteris Tn 10.

POOL**HAVERRILL LEAGUE**

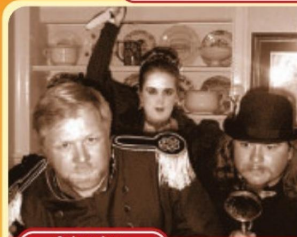
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| Barnardiston Arms 7 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 5 |
| WW Chestnut | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| Hav R & C | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| White Hart A | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Suffolk Punch A | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Suffolk Punch B | 6 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| The Bull | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Rose Tav B | 6 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| White Hart B | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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Betts looks on bright side



A STRONG second-half performance gave Haverhill Rovers a deserved 3-0 win over Newmarket and stretched their run of victories in the Ridgeons League, Premier Division to five matches.

Boss Peter Betts said the performance was a long way from their best but, after a lengthy lay-off caused by the postponement of recent matches, it was understandable that neither side found their rhythm early on.

But it is a sign of how much Haverhill have improved this season that when they upped the tempo in the second half it brought them three goals.

The hosts dominated the first 20 minutes but Newmarket gradually got into the game, albeit without creating any clear chances.

The game was evenly poised at the break but that changed 10 minutes into the second half when Greg Strong fired Rovers in front.

The home side began to take control of the game and two goals in two minutes settled the outcome. Callum Harrison made it 2-0 in the 79th minute with Dalton O'Brien completing the scoring a minute later.

"It was a scrappy game," said Betts. "I knew we would need to be very organised because we hadn't played for a couple of weeks."

"The performance level was not as good as it has been but we took three points, scored three

goals and kept a clean sheet. The confidence in the team has made a big difference. We've cemented our place in the top four and now it's a case of trying to maintain our consistency and see how high we can finish."

Rovers' trip to Wroxham on Saturday has been postponed because their rivals have a cup game. Betts' men now go into a Christmas programme of Hadleigh (home) on December 27 and Debenham (away) on January 3.

>>Golf:

Winter woe for duo

HAVERHILL members Eamonn Bareham and Bob Spittle were left cursing their luck after the Suffolk Winter Alliance Meeting at Ufford Park.

They finished one shot behind the winners, Ufford professional Stuart Robertson and playing partner Colin Aldous, on a thawed course that played long but provided some surprisingly slick putting surfaces.

However, they were one of five teams who finished on 37 points, and had to settle for third after former Haverhill member Rod Gordon and Graham Staff, representing the Bury St Edmunds club, pipped them on countback.

The individual professional prize was shared by Stuart Robertson and Waldringfield's Ashley Booter.

>> James Bowser took top spot in

the men's medal at the Haverhill club.

He fired an impressive nett 67 and, as a result, has had his handicap reduced by two to 16.

Division One: 1 Michael Bennett 81-11-70, 2 Kevin Eldred 78-8-70, 3 Mark Stanton 81-10-71.

Division Two: 1 James Bowser 85-18-67, 2 Dennis White 88-20-68, 3 Trevor Broomfield 88-15-73.

Division Three: 1 Steve Bush 96-24-72, 2 Peter Mercer 98-22-76, 3 John Fox 107-28-79.

>> The return of the wintry conditions at Coupals Road did not stop David Pipe and Dan Wilkins from taking top spot in the men's *Daily Mail* foursomes.

They won with a commendable 36 points.

Steve Nichols and Paul Borowy were second with 33 points, a point clear of Scott Turner and Roger Turner.

>>Youth football:



Well done: West Wrattling under-15s captain Matt Burley receives his club player of the month award from Sonia Hickman, the restaurant manager of the Olde Bull Inn Hotel, Barton Mills, who sponsor the awards.

Burley has led the Reds to fourth place in the Cambridge and District Colts League, under-15A, but was quick to pay tribute to the rest of the 17-man squad, which features players from the academies at Peterborough United and Cambridge United. He also praised prolific scorer Tom Pinker, who won the goal-of-the-month prize for his long-range stunner against Chatteris.

It helped his total to 25 goals from 16 games for The Safebox.co.uk-sponsored side.

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Burley gets the nod for club award



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